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VICHY TO LINE UP WITH AXIS?

New Nazi Command For Defence Of France

LAVAL'S COME-BACK MAY ALTER ALLIED PLANS

America Stops Food: West Africa As Target Of Attack

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT AND 'REUTERS')
VICHY, April 16.

M. Laval arrived in Vichy just after mid-day today and was immediately received by Marshal Petain. The conversation lasted about half an hour.

Marshal Petain had another talk with M. Laval later this afternoon at the Pavilion Sevigne where M. Laval has taken up his quarters.

Earlier M. Laval had lunch with his "most loyal collaborators" and received several men likely to enter the new Cabinet.

On Wednesday night Marshal Petain conferred with Admiral Darlan, Minister of State Rimier, and M. Moysset preparatory to his meeting with Laval.

NEW VICHY GOVT.

It is possible that M. Laval's Government will be completed to-night, says the Vichy News Agency. Meanwhile official circles decline to give any indication as to its members.

M. Laval, the Agency adds, will probably publish his programme as soon as the Government has been formed. He is expected to discuss the programme in a speech on foreign and home policy.

The Vichy Government has until noon (Berlin Time) (Thursday) to submit the new Cabinet list for German approval or take the consequences, according to the Berne correspondent of the "New York Times."

Another Berne report says General Rundstedt arrived in Paris at midnight to take over command of the occupying force.

Darlan's Position

LONDON:—The German-controlled Paris radio stated this morning that M. Laval has already submitted his Cabinet list to Marshal Petain. The announcer confirmed that Admiral Darlan will be chief of the Land, Sea and Air Forces.

Admiral Darlan is retained on the active list of the French Navy, without regard to age limit, under a decree dated Sunday and made public to-day, says a Vichy message. The decree gives him the rank and privileges of Admiral of the Fleet.

Vichy May Line Up With Axis

STOCKHOLM:—According to Swedish press reports, German political circles expect that Vichy will soon join the Axis completely, allowing them the use of French bases and the French Navy.

It is believed that the next Allied move, the rupture of relations with Vichy or the recognition of Gen. De Gaulle, will have the same effect of forcing Vichy to war. Some misgiving is felt about the responsibility for Allied invasion and unoccupied France which Marshal Petain with hundred thousand men at his disposal will be unable to defend, wherefore Germans might feel obliged to send some German troops in unoccupied zone.

Nazi Command In France

LONDON:—It is confirmed in London that General von Rundstedt has gone to an important headquarters in France. Presumably he has replaced Field Marshal von Witzleben who was in command of the German Army of occupation.

German forces in France consist between twenty and twenty-three divisions, totalling about 340,000 men, all second-line troops.

Authoritative quarters in London stated to-day that von Rundstedt's new appointment would seem to indicate that Germany is attaching certain operational importance to the French Command, in that they considered it necessary to appoint a comman-

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A NAZI BAN

ZURICH, April 16.

German authorities have prohibited the photographing of all transport facilities in the neighbourhood of Switzerland such as railway lines, bridges, streams and roads according to a Berlin message.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA'S AMBITION

CAPETOWN, April 16.

"South Africa is going to become a strategical point of the whole world war", Maj. Vanderbyl told a gathering of merchant seamen in Capetown.

"It may be America will have to fight Japan from her east coast instead of the Pacific and that would involve the coasts of South Africa, making Capetown the focus of the world", Maj. Vanderbyl said.

"Britain cannot send munitions to the Middle or the Far East without using Capetown and except for the hazardous Arctic route, help to Russia must go the same way. South Africa will, therefore, become an outspan of the world and ships that come here will be beyond the wildest dreams of 1939. If with all this, we let our seamen down, we shall met ourselves down.—Reuter.

FR. DEVELOPMENTS IN U. S. CABINET

WASHINGTON, April 16.

The Vichy Ambassador, M. Henry Haye has appointed with the Acting Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles this evening. In the meantime, President Roosevelt has advanced the Cabinet meeting to-day from the usual Friday date and it is expected that Mr. Welles will present a report on the French developments.

Admiral King and General Joseph McNarney, Acting Chief of the Staff are holding, what the White House described as a "chek-up conference" with President Roosevelt to-day after which President Roosevelt is conferring with the Secretary for Navy, Colonel Knox

STANDING ORDER FOR U. S. CONSULATES

WASHINGTON: The Acting Secretary of State Mr. Welles at a Press Conference this morning, asked to clarify the situation regarding the order to American citizens to leave unoccupied France, said it was a standing order given to American consulates in Europe to advise American citizens to leave at the most appropriate moment. Such a moment, Mr. Welles said, has presented itself. There is no connection, according to State Department circles, between advice given to American citizens and the reshuffle of the French Cabinet.—Reuter.

CHINESE SOLDIERS IN BURMA: Photo shows: men of a "Panzer" unit.

India Looms Large In Pacific Council

U. S. Spokesman's Surprise For Australian Premier

(From Our Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, April 16.

The Pacific Council on Wednesday surveyed all strategic fronts, including India, and gave primary attention to the Pacific Front.

It is natural in the general war picture to shift the strength, where it is most needed. With Japs pressing on India, there is unavoidable enlargement of the importance of that area.

However, final decisions regarding the allocation of supplies are, it is reported, left purely to strategic boards, instead of to political councils. Thus it is not known how the tide of battle in India affected the Council.

Some political circles speculated that Gen. MacArthur's allegations of uncertainty regarding his command in Australia are due to his desire for transfer to a more active war front, since Japanese seem to be bye-passing Australia for the conquest of India.

SURPRISE FOR CURTIN

MELBOURNE, April 16.

A U. S. Army spokesman revealed to-day that General MacArthur has so far been unable to form his South-West Pacific Command and it is understood that problems affecting Allied grand strategy are causing delays, which the Australians consider dangerous.

The Army spokesman's statement has caused amazement since it was believed generally that communications from President Roosevelt last week had clarified the situation.

Mr. Curtin made a statement saying that he was surprised at the spokesman's declaration. He added: "There is no doubt in the Australian Government's opinion that General MacArthur is the Supreme Commander. I treated him as such. I became the Minister for Defence due to our desire to simplify the machinery between the Supreme Commander and our Government".

On the other hand, the U. S. Army spokesman asserted that it is four weeks since the arrival of General MacArthur in Australia and he has not yet received from Washington necessary decisions and instructions. As a result of this, he is still the Commander of only American forces in the South-West Pacific.

The spokesman made this statement after President Roosevelt had asserted yesterday at a press conference that General MacArthur was in supreme command of all the military, naval and air forces in the South-West Pacific. It is understood that the composition of the Supreme Allied Command and the desire for a definition of General MacArthur's powers are linked with certain far-reaching problems.

Informed circles suggest that the delay is connected with broad strategical questions. President Roosevelt so far has been unable to send specific instructions pending answers involving the entire Allied strategy including Anglo-American discussions as to what should be the main front and where men and material should be concentrated.

There is a general impression here that General MacArthur will not start a mass offensive unless assured of supplies he deems sufficient.

Gun Trial Off Bombay Port

A gun trial will take place off the port of Bombay at noon on Friday, April 17. The public should not be alarmed by the firing.

H.M.I.S. 'INDUS' SUNK

Sequel To Bombing Attack On April 6: No Lives Lost

NEW DELHI, April 16.

A Press Communique says:

The Government of India regret to announce that H.M.I.S. "Indus" was sunk as the result of a bombing attack on April 6. No lives were lost and the total casualties were ten wounded, five of them slightly. The next of kin of casualties have been informed. The majority of the ship's company are now in India.

STEAMER RUNS AGROUND

DACCA:—A steamer carrying mails and passengers ran aground on Monday night at Farashganj, about a mile away from its destination. Several passengers on the steamer got into boats and reached Dacca that very night, but the steamer could not be floated until the next morning.

INDIAN JOBS FOR BURMA OFFICIALS

NEW DELHI, April 16.

The Government of Burma have agreed that there is no objection to officials of the Burma Government on leave in India, or evacuated to India, securing temporary employment under the Government of India, says a Press Note.

Gazetted and non-gazetted officials of the Burma Posts and Telegraphs Department desiring employment in the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department may approach the head of the circle, where they are residing or where they wish to be employed. The employment will be in a temporary capacity and will not in any way affect the interests of permanent employees.—A. P.

Admiral Doenitz In Rome

LONDON, April 16.

German radio reports state that Admiral of the Fleet Doenitz, arrived yesterday in Rome. During the day, Admiral Doenitz, visited the Italian Navy Minister and the Chief of the Italian General Staff.—Reuter.

In Burma

JAPS CROSS SWA RIVER

Severe Fighting In Progress South Of Magwe

LONDON, April 16.

There is no information in London from Burma to-day but hard fighting is known to be in progress south of Magwe.—Reuter.

On Salween Front

CHUNGKING, April 16.

The emergency which has arisen on the Salween front after several days' lull indicates the seriousness of the Chinese position south of Pyinmaha. The Chinese are now menaced by two columns advancing along the Sittang and another advancing north-west from Mawchi. A fourth column with a harassing motive without tanks is driving into the Sittang Valley from the mountain ridges separating the Irrawaddy and the Sittang. Thus the Chinese find themselves in a tremendous enveloping movement which is designed to force their withdrawal northward to higher ground.

Meanwhile the continued presence of the A.V.G. is heartening the Chinese since the Japs operating along the Sittang lack jungle cover. In this area also air support is necessary to offset tank attacks.

Withdrawal From Mingyaungye

NEW DELHI, April 16.

Fierce fighting continued throughout yesterday, says a Burma communique. Our forces, which withdrew from Mingyaungye have established positions near Yenchaing, north of Minhlai covered by King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who for days have fought a magnificent action at Myingun. Our forces in Taungdwingyi area still hold their positions covering right flank of the Chinese Expeditionary Force. Enemy air action has been very active both in the forward areas and on lines of communication north of Magwe.

It is reported from the Chinese Expeditionary Force that steady enemy pressure continued on the Myohla front to-day with their troops moving slowly back and fighting stubborn delaying action.

Jap Parachutists Land

A belated report from the field headquarters states that four Japanese parachutists landed in the jungle near Yeni on April 12. They were reported to have baled out of three aircraft.

Japanese Cross Swa River

Reviewing the fighting on the Burma front during the past week, the Chinese military spokesman said that on April 6th and 7th the enemy attempted to advance to the south-west of Yedashe. This attempt was, however, frustrated by the Chinese, whereupon the enemy made another drive from the south, and finally succeeded in breaking through Yedashe. The enemy reached the north bank of the Swa river on the evening of April 7. Between April 7th and 11th the fighting raged across the Swa river, the Chinese holding the northern bank and the Japanese entrenching themselves on the southern. The Japanese continued their advance, and, at noon the following day, they were at a point south of Thagaya.

Hitler Abandons Spring 'Putsch' Plan

TIME NOT RIPE FOR NEW OFFENSIVE IN RUSSIA

Soviet Forces Inflict Huge Losses On Nazi Hordes

STOCKHOLM, April 16.

The much advertised German spring offensive has apparently been postponed. The Berlin correspondent of the "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" to-day states that the Germans are being urged to have patience and confidence in their military leaders.

Although it had been supposed that the German spring offensive will be launched in May or the beginning of June, Nazi newspapers now declare "it is impossible to say when the time will be ripe".

They point out that, despite the fact that the sun is now shining in Germany and weather conditions on the Eastern Front are now more favourable for an offensive, premature conclusions must not be drawn with regard to the date of the final attack.

They add that fighting on the Southern Front practically ceased owing to thaw, but the spring has not yet arrived between Moscow and Leningrad where heavy snowstorms continue.

GERMANY LOSES 38,000 AIRMEN

MOSCOW, April 16.

The Germans have lost 38,000 airmen during the first nine months of the German-Soviet war, it is computed by the Red Army organ "Red Star."

The Germans lost over 7,200 aircraft from June to September 1941 and another 5,500 to 5,700 upto December of that year, it says.

This year, the enemy's losses have mounted steadily.—Reuter.

Soviet Troops Occupy Two More Villages

MOSCOW, April 16.

Soviet cavalry guards on a sector of the Smolensk front have occupied two more villages, according to to-day's Soviet supplementary 'communique'. On the same front Red Army units captured in one day's fighting, 11 German fieldguns, three radio transmitters and much other war material.

On the north-west front, German counter-attacks were repelled and the Germans lost 750 officers and men in killed and wounded. One Soviet unit occupied a fortified German position killing more than 100 Germans.

GUERILLAS IN ACTION

Guerilla detachments on the Vitebsk region have dealt heavy blows to the Germans in the past two months. They destroyed the German garrison, set fire to an ammunition dump and workshop and killed some 80 soldiers and policemen guarding them.

In another attack on the German garrison more than 300 German officers and men were killed in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. This garrison was also completely destroyed. Soviet anti-aircraft gunners on the southern front brought down 286 enemy aircraft in recent months.

SERIES OF ENCOUNTERS

A series of encounters between Russian tanks and small groups of Germans have been taking place along the southern sector of the Eastern Front. According to the newspaper 'Pravda' on Thursday morning. One part of this front is strewn with damaged German tanks, Russian engineers are busy repairing them.

Huge German Losses On Central Front

MOSCOW, April 16.

The Germans suffered heavy losses in the course of 18 counter-attacks which they made against Soviet guards and infantry units on the Central Front, states frontline reports on Thursday.

The first German attacks were launched by troops under General Kerl and included three regiments of 263rd infantry division. Nazi reserves were quickly exhausted and a Sappers battalion was sent into the lines. The 181st German regiment of the 52nd division was also thrown into the fighting and was quickly decimated by Soviet artillery and machine-gun fire according to a report. The larger part of this regiment, which included six battalions of some 900 men strong, have now been disposed off.—Reuter.

Jap Plan To Contact Germans

Sofia Talks For Roping Turkey In: Nazis May Invade Near East

(From Our Correspondent)
CHUNGKING, April 16.

Coincident with the growing belief of an imminent Jap invasion of India, official circles here are understood to be closely watching the conference in Sofia of the Jap Ambassador to Berlin, Oshima Kurihara. The conferences are reported to relate to the Axis plan of bringing Turkey into the Axis or obtaining Bulgarian co-operation if it becomes necessary to invade Turkey.

The Chinese feel that a Jap invasion of India and a German invasion of the Near East through Turkey or Syria would establish a bridgehead uniting the Axis. Recent Jap intrigues in Afghanistan and Jap efforts to induce the Muslims to support the Axis in Asia reveal Jap anxiety to establish contact with Germany.

Chinese diplomatic activities in Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran, where they recently sent representatives, are designed to offset Jap pressure.

STOP PRESS

100 SUBMARINES FOR U. S.?

WASHINGTON, April 16

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, a bill providing for 2,00,000 tons for submarines. While the exact number of submarines is a military secret Mr. Vinson Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee estimated it to be more than 100.

MOVE FOR FRESH POWERS TO ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON.—Senator Downey introduced a bill empowering President Roosevelt to seize any or all privately owned automobiles. Simultaneously Senator Downey recommended that immediate steps be taken to "remove some ten million automobiles from the roads and place them in a vast pool."—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH FORCES

(From Our Correspondent)
CHUNGKING, April 16

A Chinese Army spokesman told your correspondent that due to rapid withdrawal of the British forces on the west Burma front the right wing of the Chinese forces along the railway lines was "left completely exposed". He said further that if the Japtroops, already far advanced in the north west were to attack the Chinese front line from the east, the fate of the Chinese troops cannot be predicted.

TERRORISM IN OCCUPIED FRANCE

(From Our Correspondent)
VICHY, April 16

A wave of terrorism has broken out in the occupied zone of France coinciding with Laval's return to power. Two anti-German attacks took place in Paris and two in northern industrial basin. A train carrying German troops on leave was derailed—an act of sabotage in which 40 are reported to be killed.

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Bombay, 17th April, 1942.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHIVJI BHARMAL, VELJI BHARMAL, DEVRAJ KANYA KHIMJI BHARMAL and LALJI ASSARIA have contracted to sell to our client the property described hereunder. All persons having any claim are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:

ALL that piece of Pension and Tax land, situate at Portuguese Church Road, Dadar, containing 218 Square Yards bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1504 of the Lower Parel Division together with a three storeyed Building standing thereon and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under G Ward No. 3203(9), Street Nos. 75-75A, 77-77B.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1942.

AIBARA & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

(8030)

Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on SUNDAY, the 19th April, 1942, at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) at "Cosy Corner" (2nd floor), 29A, Dongersi Road, Malabar Hill, the undermentioned valuable furniture, property of S. GUEVREK. Esq.

LOUIS XVI drawing room suite, gold gilt with "Aubusson" (French) Tapestry, Rich Paintings in Oil and Water, Persian and French Carpets, complete Dining Room Furniture by Maple and John Roberts, LOUIS XVI bedroom suite and other Jacobean and modern furniture, rich silk and tapestry curtains, "LIMOGES" Dinner, Tea and Coffee sets, ST. LOUIS Glassware, Bluthner Boudoir Grand Piano, H.M.V. Cabinet Gramophone with Classical and Dance Records, Vacuum Cleaner, Electric Hair Dryer, Toaster, Books, Music Books, Garden Plants.

Citroen 6 cyl. 18 H.P. Saloon Car.

On View from the 17th April, 1942.

AUCTION SALE OF MOTOR CARS

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction TO-DAY FRIDAY, the 17th April, 1942, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at their Rooms at 120 Apollo Street, Fort, the undermentioned Motor Cars:—

1 Fiat Saloon 1937 Model No. B.M.W. 6784.
1 Dodge All Steel Sedan 1938 Model, No. B.M.X. 233.
1 Fiat Saloon 1937 Model, No. B.M.W. 5640.
1 Fiat Saloon 4 Cyl. 10 H.P., No. B.M.W. 6953.
1 Mercedez Benz Cabriolet 1935 Model, No. B.M.W. 4429.
1 Studebaker De Lux Sedan 1936 Model No. B.M.W. 6327.
1 International Motor Truck, 3 Tons, No. B.M.T. 5671.
1 "Bantam" Saloon 1938 Model No. B.M.X. 3412 (recently purchased).

On view on the day of sale from 11-30 A.M.

BENNETT & CO.

Auction Sales

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AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE BOMBAY PORT TRUST DOCKS.

In accordance with Section 94 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager, Bombay Port Trust, Docks Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY the 21st April, 1942, at 2 P.M. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse) the following goods gum arabic, Kruschen salt, Auto spark plugs, 154 bags seeds, Spinning combs, Woollen Piecegoods, 25 cases Motor car batteries (Willard), 7 cases Ball bearings, &c., &c.

MENESSE & CO.

GANDHI & CO.

Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF TALKIE MACHINERY INCLUDING TALKIE PROJECTOR, DUPLICATOR AND FILMS.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will, under instructions from Mr. K. K. Shah, Advocate for Messrs. Malukchand Shantidas, the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Mr. Nariman Adarbad Printer, the Mortgagor sell by Public Auction this day FRIDAY 17-4-42 at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at their Auction Rooms No. 72, Medows Street, Fort:—

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From Tomorrow
MINERVA
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"CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT"
Dorothy Lamour, Bob Hope
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"FRENCH WITHOUT TEARS"
Ray Milland, Ellen Drew

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BHARAT MILAP
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(MARATHI)
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ON THE AIR

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

Delhi, I—Programme.
338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Sham ke rag. 5-20 Vilayat Khan. 5-35 Azim Prem Kagi. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-25 B. S. Thakur. 6-35 Zohrabai. 6-50 Puria on Sarangi. 7 Mushtari Begam. 7-15 Krishna Lila. 2. 7-30 It has happened. 7-35 Vilayat Khan. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 World affairs. 8-45 Azim Prem Kagi. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Vilayat Khan. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Bande Hasan. 10-20 B S. Thakur. 10-30 Mushtari Begam.

Bombay I—Programme.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Sonibai. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 A. H. Mulanji and party. 8-20 D. V. Paluskar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Marathi pad. 9-20 Surdas Bhajan. 12-30 p.m. Variety. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Maratha pad. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Bhalchandra V. Patekar. 5-15 Sundrabai. 5-30 M. Tufail. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Sonibai. 6 News in English. 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-35 Local news and announcements. 6-50 Local news and announcements. 6-55 Aunty Hilda's happy half hour. 7 Marathas in Shivaji's time and now. 7-15 World affairs. 7-30 A. H. Mulanji and party. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Sonibai. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Our Universities. 8-45 News-gram. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Air Qawwali party. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Mavatar Nu Gam. 10-25 D. V. Palusker.

Bombay II—Programme
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Thumri on Clarionet. 8 Tarana Todi. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Sundrabai. 9-5 Dilruba Solo. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 D. V. Paluskar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Sonibai. 9-30 Sundrabai. 9-30 Dominic Pereira and his Radio Quartet. 9-50 Kathleen Shaw. 10 Dominic Pereira and his Radio Quartet. 10-35 Reg Dean.

Municipal School Premises For Civil Defence

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S DECISION

A decision to allow the free use of the premises of some of the Municipal schools by the various civil defence organisations in the city, was taken by the Schools committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Wednesday evening. The decision was in response to a requisition by the civil defence organisations in the city.

Prof. D. R. Gharpure presided.

Among those organisations which applied for permission are the People's Volunteer Brigade, A. R. P. Committee, Dharavi, and Sanrakshak Mandal, Naigaum.

The resolution of the Municipal Corporation that an advance of Rs. 2,500 be made to the Schools Committee to meet the expenditure during the current year in connection with certain A R. P. measures in Municipal schools was recorded by the Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation referred on Wednesday to the Municipal Commissioner a letter addressed by a landlord to the Chairman of the Committee, requesting him that the rateable value of buildings should be reduced as he had reduced the rents of the tenements owned by him.

The landlord in his letter stated that the rateable value of buildings for 1942-43 was fixed before the rents were reduced and the landlords would have to pay taxes according to that valuation. He referred to the demand of the tenants in his buildings and the reductions he had made in the rents, and added that in the circumstances some relief might be given to landlords either by fixing the rateable value on the basis of reduced rent or by any other means that the Committee might think proper.

Mr. Motichand G Kapadia presided.

Airgraphs which left India after 25th March, 1942, and upto 29th March, 1942, have been delivered in the United Kingdom, says a Press Note.

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Vaishak Shud 2, 1998
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 30, 1361
Parsi: Avan 15, 1311
Sunrise: 6-22 a.m. Sunset: 6-55 p.m.
Hightide: 0-44, 13-24. Lowtide: 6-43, 19-08

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"You'll Never Get Rich", 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Wild Geese Calling" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Ali Baba" 4-15 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m
METRO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Maian", 4, 7 and 10 p.m
CAPITOL—"Captain Caution" 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap", 2-30, 5-45, & 8-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Qaidi" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Blossoms in the Dust". 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
MINERVA—"Kirti" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
CENTRAL—"Pahila Palna" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Society" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
SUPER—"Kis-ki-Bibi", 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar", 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna", 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas", 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Musafir", 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

B. P. WOMEN'S COUNCIL & NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION: An 'At Home' will be held to-day (Friday) at the Princess Victoria Mary Gymkhana at 5 p. m., when Captain Vazifdar, General Secretary of the Red Cross Society, will speak on A.R.P.

'A' WARD CONGRESS COMMITTEE: The adjourned meeting (for want of quorum) will be held to-day (Friday) at 7 p.m. in the Ward office.

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH: The office of the Bombay Harijan Sevak Sangh will be removed to the second floor of the Raja Bahadur Mansion, 22, Apollo Street, Fort, (opposite Imperial Bank) from to-day (Friday). Except on Sundays and holidays the office hours of the Board will be from 11-30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MUSLIM STUDENTS' UNION: That "Re-organisation of the Muslim Education" will be the subject of a public lecture by Principal Baquer Hussein in the Union Hall to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. Dr. Sufi, will preside.

DEFENCE COMMITTEE: A public meeting of the Citizens of Forjett Street will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Jayphalwadi to form Forjett Street Defence Committee.

BOMBAY FIELD CLUB: Under the auspices of the B. F. Club Mr. Ramanlal C. Mehta, will deliver a lecture on "Musical Values of Medieval Gujarati Poetry", at 5-30 p.m., to-day (Friday) in the Lecture Hall, University South Wing. Mrs Hansaben Mehta will preside.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public study class on "Reincarnation" from the Ocean of Theosophy, by W. Q. Judge, will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

BOMBAY MEDICAL UNION: A.R.P. lecture on "Crush injuries and its medical aspects shock and its treatment" to-day (Friday) at 7-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Bombay Medical Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge Building, French Bridge.

COMMUNAL GOODWILL CAMPAIGN: Fourth public meeting under the auspices of the Bombay Peace Brigade will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House Hall, Old Parsi Statue Dimitwar Street, Byculla. Mr. B. G. Kher will preside and Prof. A. M. Moulvi will speak on "Islam is the Religion of Peace" and Principal Raju and others will also speak on "Essentials of Communal Unity".

P.V.B. 'D' WARD OFFICE: All P.V.B. lady volunteers of 'D' Ward are requested to be present in Jinnah Hall to-day (Friday) at 5 p.m. Miss Usha Setalvad, G.O.C. will meet them.

P.V.B. SELF-PROTECTION EXHIBITION: To-day (Friday) is the last day of the Exhibition at the Jinnah Hall. To-day it will remain open from 5 to 10 p.m. (S.T.) From Saturday, the 18th April, the Exhibition will be shifted to the Parel High School, Hospital Avenue, Parel. Time for the Exhibition will be from 5 to 8 p.m. No admission fee. There will be A.R.P. and First-Aid Demonstrations as usual.

B.P.C.C.'S URGENT MEETING: An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

FIRST-AID CLASSES FOR BOMBAY SEVA DAL: The G.O.C. of the Bombay Seva Dal writes:—First-Aid classes for the volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal will start to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-15 a.m. at the Congress House. All the Seva Dal volunteers residing in the A. B. C. D. and E. Municipal Wards are hereby informed to be present at 6-15 a.m. (S.T.) on Saturday and following days at the Congress House and take advantage of these classes.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION: Secretary Study Circle, writes:—The Study Circle of the Bombay Students' Union will meet to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the office of the Union (Kennedy Bridge, next to Mantri House). Students who want to join the Study Circle should enrol themselves at the office.

SOCIAL HYGIENE COUNCIL: Annual meeting of Bombay Social Hygiene Council to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m. in Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Fort, Bombay. Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to Governor, will preside.

GENERAL MOTORS DISPUTE
Justice Chagla Nominated Arbitrator

A Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary published on Thursday states:—

Whereas by an agreement dated the 4th April 1942 between the General Motors India Limited and its employees represented by the General Motor Workers' Union, Bombay the parties have agreed to accept an arbitrator to be nominated by Government; The Government of Bombay is hereby pleased to nominate the Hon. Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla as an Arbitrator for the purpose of deciding all matters referred to him for arbitration under the said agreement.

NON-OFFICIAL RELIEF FOR EVACUEES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A scheme to set up a non-official Central Relief Organisation for Indian evacuees is now afoot. Sponsors of this scheme have left for Sevagram, presumably to seek Mahatma's advice and guidance on the matter. It is understood that the proposed Committee will not only look to the comforts and other facilities for refugees pouring in from Burma via Manipur but also secure for them employment in India.

Receptions In Honour Of Mayor

A reception will be held in honour of Mr. Yusuf Meherally, Mayor of Bombay at Prof. Devadhar's School of Music at 5-45 p.m. on Sunday, 19th instant, when Mr. B. G. Kher will preside.

To meet the Mayor, his Cutchi friends and admirers will give a garden party at 4-30 p.m. (B.T.) at the Victoria Gardens on Tuesday, 21st instant.

Miss Bachoobai A. F. Moos.

PARSI EDUCATIONIST HONOURED

A pleasant function in celebration of the award of the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal to Miss Bachoobai A. F. Moos, Principal of the Girton High School, was held on Wednesday on the school premises. A strong and influential casket fund committee presided over by Dr. (Miss) Goolbai M. Doctor presented a silver casket and an address drawn up on vellum and beautifully illuminated. The Committee recalled the services of Miss Moos in the last half century to the cause of education in Bombay and appropriately referred to the past alumni as "dutiful daughters and devoted wives".

Miss Moos, a nonagenarian, then thanked the staff and students for their kind sentiments. The function was interspersed by several entertaining items, a very colourful 'Garbi' and "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2" being the outstanding ones. The afternoon was rounded off by a light refreshment and distribution [illegible]

WORKERS OFFER SATYAGRAHA AT BHAYANDER

(From A Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Thursday.

For over twenty years dockyard and mill-workers residing in Bhayander, in Thana District, were catching 5-37 a.m. train to reach their respective destinations in and around Bombay. This train was convenient to them, and took them to the places of their work in time. All these years the plea of these workmen was that this train should be made a little late by 5 or 10 minutes and made faster after Borivli. Contrary to this prayer of the workmen, the authorities have now made this train to run fast without stopping after Bhayander Station, causing tremendous inconvenience to the workers. Yesterday and today the workers, took to non-violent resistance. Over three hundred workmen offered Satyagraha at the station. The Railway authorities stopped the train and carried the workers to their destination.

Best Traffic Union

It was decided at a general meeting of the Best Traffic Union held on 3rd April, to submit again to the Company the grievances and demands to which the Company has turned a deaf ear. These grievances and demands include, demand for dearness allowance, emergency loan to help the evacuation of the families of conductors and drivers, one month's consolidated pay as bonus, one month's leave with pay in a year and reduction of the present hours of work.

MR. CHINIWALLA'S DISCOURSE: Mr. Jehangir S. Chiniwalla, Advocate, will give a second talk, under the auspices of "Kshnoom Phelavnari Mandli", at 6-15 p.m. on Monday, the 20th instant in the 'Kshnoom Hall' of the Parsi Vegetarian and Temperance Society, Noble Building, Parsi Bazar Street, Fort, on "The Activities of Sarosh Yezd in the Nisti". The meeting is open to the Parsis.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND. The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 10, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the Kemp Corner and go round with them in the Ward.

BOMBAY BLOOD BANK
Red Cross Appeal For Voluntary Donors

The Bombay City Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service Committee has issued an appeal for Voluntary donors of blood to the Blood Bank which has been established at the Haffkine Institute to deal with possible emergency conditions in Bombay.

The appeal will be sponsored by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay who for this purpose has summoned a meeting of prominent citizens, merchantile firms and other associations on the 28th April at 6 p.m at Government House.

In the course of the appeal, the Committee observes as follows:—

The Bombay City Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has since the beginning of last year taken over the Blood Transfusion work in the city of Bombay.

This Blood Transfusion work is now being carried on by this Service which is supplying blood donors to the various Hospitals in the city. Though the present arrangement of supplying blood to the Hospitals is very satisfactory, it will be hopelessly inadequate in time of stress.

The Blood Transfusion Service Committee have now started a Blood Bank at the Haffkine Institute, Parel, and this method of storing blood is not only essential, but is the only method by which large amount of blood can be supplied at a time of emergency, such as an Air Raid, Civil Commotion, Riots, etc., when there will be a sudden and heavy demand for Transfusion.

The Blood Transfusion Service Committee desire to emphasise the fact that they will carry on their ordinary peace-time work of supplying donors to hospitals, etc., as hitherto but this storing of blood in the Blood Bank is solely for the purpose of keeping a ready reserve for help to air-raid victims and will only be used for every day needs of the patients in the hospitals after our enemies have been vanquished and the war is won.

Donors are requested to communicate with—The Superintendent, Red Cross Blood Bank Office New Queen's Road, (above Messrs. F. & C. Osler Ltd.) Bombay 4 (Tel. 20723). Donation in money may kindly be sent to The General Secretary, Red Cross Society, 141, Mint Road, Bombay (Tel 24468)

INTERESTING POINT IN INCOME-TAX LAW

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen.)

Government of Bombay ..... Appellant
Versus
Usman Chotani ..... Opponent.

The opponent, along with two others is being tried before the Chief Presidency Magistrate of Bombay for supplying the Royal Indian Navy with inferior materials. In the course of this trial, summons was served upon the Commissioner of Income-Tax to produce certain books of account of the opponent. The Commissioner refused to do so on the ground that Section 54 of the Indian Income-Tax Act, 1922 was a bar to his disclosing any such confidential communication. Subsequently, the police searched the Income-Tax Officer, under Section 65 of the Bombay City Police Act and seized several voucher files and when one of the carting-slips so seized was sought to be tendered in evidence, the Chief Presidency Magistrate ruled it out as inadmissible on the strength of Section 54 of the Income-Tax Act. From this order the Government appealed to the High Court.

Section 54 'inter alia' provides that all accounts and documents produced under the Indian Income-Tax Act "shall be treated as confidential ..... and no Court shall ..... be entitled to require any public servant to produce before it any such return, accounts, document or record ..... or to give evidence before it in respect thereof."

Their Lordships were of the opinion that the expression "public servant" in Section 54 was meant to apply only to officers of the Income-Tax department and that a police officer seizing it who produces it in Court is therefore not prevented from doing so by Section 54 which did not apply to him.

Their Lordships, therefore, allowed the appeal and held that the carting-slip in dispute was admissible in evidence.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, with the Government Pleader, Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar appeared for the Government.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. Kanga and Co. appeared for the opponent.

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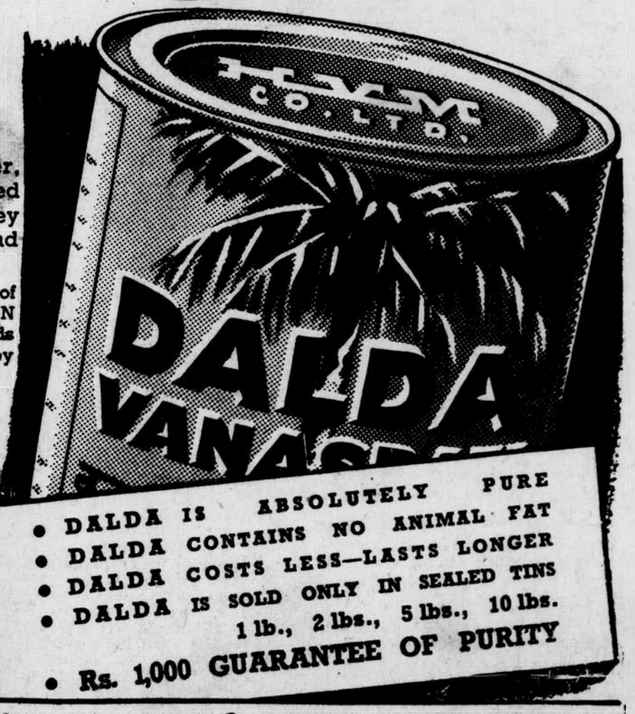

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SELF-PROTECTION

Apart from the endorsement of the Working Committee's resolution on the Cripps' scheme the most important task before the next meeting of the All-India Congress Committee is, in the words of the President, to consider 'how best to intensify the Congress programme of self-sufficiency and self-protection', the latter, of course, including resistance to Japanese aggression. The importance of self-sufficiency has been recognized by Government and public alike. Government held two conferences at Delhi a few days ago to consider the problems of greater production of food and other necessaries of life and also of their just distribution through price control and other means. These are vast problems and, as we have pointed out before, call for strenuous efforts on the part of Government and also full co-operation from the public. More production demands much and varied help to the producers and the Delhi conference on this subject made many important suggestions to Provincial Governments about helping the producers. But it is much to be doubted if the Provincial Governments are giving serious thought to these suggestions, several of which require large expenditure by Government in supplying seed, manure, etc. and also involve loss of revenue because of remissions in land tax and other dues. There is a fear of Provincial Governments passing on these suggestions to District Collectors and Local Boards together with promises of aid on conditions not easily satisfied.

Need For Co-operative Effort

The suggestions can bear fruit only if Government, the Local Boards and the public co-operate wholeheartedly. But the Governments functioning with the aid of the constitutionally irresponsible Advisers are not capable of enlisting such co-operation. They are probably conscious of their inability in this respect and are likely, therefore, to shirk undertaking big responsibilities. They are also accustomed to put the blame on the people for not co-operating with them or on the cultivators, who are alleged to be incapable of learning new methods of cultivation. From the point of view of enlisting public co-operation and several others the Advisers' regime has been a dismal failure; and if even an interim settlement is not speedily arrived at, the consequences of a widening gulf between Government and the people are bound to be most disquieting, particularly in the carrying out of the vital tasks of self-sufficiency and self-protection. For this reason as well as others the Congress organisation must be prepared for every contingency, whether or not it gets any co-operation from Government. So far the programme of self-sufficiency and self-protection has been a stimulating slogan. Some experimental and haphazard attempts have also been made to implement the programme. The time has now come for systematic and sustained attempts. For obvious reasons the programme of self-sufficiency is to be implemented mostly in rural areas and it is to these areas that most Congress workers have to betake themselves.

Blood And Tears

As regards self-protection and resistance to aggression, this is, indeed, a tremendous task in any circumstances as it has got to be on a mass scale. But in the absence of power in the hands of the people to rouse and organise them, and in the absence of any military training in the past, they are naturally appalled at the all too sudden prospect of an invasion. But the invader must be resisted at all cost, to the best of our power. There is no doubt about that. As Pandit Jawaharlal observes; "Whether we remain up or go down we shall do it bravely and with dignity, thinking ever of the honour of that great and beloved land that has given us birth and sustenance. For each one of us, man or woman, old or young, is a little bit of India and something of her old time story clings about us. Each one of us has her precious honour in our keeping. each one of us may do something to add to that glorious heritage". It may be that blood and tears will be our lot on a scale nobody could imagine but, in the words of Jawaharlal, "it may be that the parched soil of India needs them so that the fine flower of freedom may grow again and its fragrance envelop the land".

A Brilliant Success

Taken completely by surprise as they must have been, the Japanese would have been staggered by the visit of American flying fortresses to the Philippines. The success that they achieved in two days' operations was truly remarkable. Docks, warehouses, hangars and air fields were hammered all over Japanese occupied Philippines. Four Japanese ships were sunk and four others hit and five aircraft destroyed and many more damaged. In all these operations only one out of the 13 participating fortresses was lost, the crew being saved. This is a great successes, indeed, but not so sensational as it would be if the bombers had operated direct from Australian bases. Based on Australia they presumably assembled at a secret rendezvous somewhere nearer the Philippines, most probably in the island from which General MacArthur took off to Australia after a torpedo boat dash from Bataan. This presumption is confirmed by the rescue of the lost bomber's crew and by the report that the aircraft have brought a number of officers from the Philippines. Even as it is, the success of the flying fortresses once more proves their immense value and the urgency of supplying them to India and China. General Royce, who directed the raid on the Philippines, himself considers that a vital spot to hit the Japanese from is Burma and that if the Allies could get sufficient planes there and strike across into China they could cut the Japanese line with long-range bombers.

Malta

But is a British attack possible at all in the near future? Two things are inescapable conditions precedent to any large scale operation against Sicily and southern Italy. Cyrenaica, if not also Tripolitana, should be in British hands securely and completely, and, secondly, Malta should be in a position actively to function as a base for invasion. The situation, however, is that Cyrenaica is not in British hands and Malta, while defending itself splendidly against concentrated and determined day and night fury of the Luftwaffe, can obviously do no more than that. Nor, is it for nothing that the Nazis have concentrated a whole air fleet of 500 aircraft against Malta and are persisting with their attacks even at a considerable cost to themselves. If an invasion is staged in that Anglo-Italian region it will more likely be an Axis assault upon Malta.

Frankly Speaking

Interesting Appointment

More or less a new Command has been created by Signor Mussolini under the Italian Crown Prince himself. It covers the area comprising central and southern Italy as also Sicily and Sardinia. It is this area that is vulnerable to invasion and the Crown Prince Umberto himself underlines its significance in his order of the day in which he hopes that "any attacks on Italy will be smashed". The fact that Il Duce has appointed Prince Umberto, a non-Fascist and the only popular man in Italy, shows both a realisation by Il Duce that his Fascist ridden people is demoralised and his concern over the dangers of a British attack.

R. A. F. Sweeps

It will be recalled that a few days ago "Colonel Brittan", the mystery man of the B.B.C., warned the "V Army" in western Europe to keep away from buses, trams and trains on Tuesday. He did not, of course, give the reason, but his warning seems to have been justified. On Tuesday last the R. A. F. carried out a day long sweep over Northern France which was further intensified on the following day. It is not yet known whether this offensive operation was continued on Thursday, too But in any case intensification of R. A. F. activity appears to be significant and raises the very interesting question whether there is really something behind General Marshall's sudden visit to London and his reported conferences with, among others, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Britain's chief of combined military, naval and air operations, that is to say, of the commandos.

Reassuring Statement

We welcome the Colombo statement that the R. A. F. lost only five planes in their recent counter-attack upon Japanese aircraft carriers from Trincomalee and that many of those damaged are already back in service. The attack which proved abortive was certainly disappointing. But Mr. Churchill's statement in the House of Commons was couched in language that could not but cause alarm. We do not know why Mr. Churchill, in his desire to be solemn should have overdone it. It may have been good art but it was extremely ill-advised.

Idle Words

Sir Alfred Watson protests that the Cripps mission has been a success and yet in the same breath he adds that "everything in India will now go on as before." The two statements are self-contradictory. Sir Alfred joins many others in stating that, if the aggressor nations could obtain a permanent foothold on India's soil, there would never be constitutional discussions again. We do not think India will any longer tamely submit to any aggressor.

Complacency

The "Labour Press Service", issued by the British Labour Party, thinks that Sir Stafford Cripps' failure is due not to any error on his part or on the part of the War Cabinet, but to the past distrust of Britain "which has proved too strong to allow a present agreement". But such wide generalisation, though true in a way, fails to clinch the point that, with regard to a thoroughly feasible proposal, though India was prepared to shed her distrust and give a sporting chance to Britain, the latter would not take it or shed her own distrust. The "Labour Press Service" says: "We cannot believe that the full measure of India's active co-operation in common defence will be withheld". Effective co-operation is not a matter of wishing. It will depend most on the people's capacity and power. The denial of their rights and powers cannot but reduce the capacity of their defence efforts.

A. R. P.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—On the 10th, it was announced that there would be a complete blackout in the existing blackout areas in the Bombay city from sunset to 8.30 p.m. There was some confusion on account of this notification so far as the residents of suburbs were concerned. It is difficult to understand that the words "Bombay City" includes the suburbs for the purposes of A.R.P.

Relying upon the notification published in your esteemed paper, a householder switched on the lights and immediately the A.R.P. Warden in the area came and told him that complete blackout should be observed. He showed him the notification, but the warden threatened him that the consequences would be grave and that he could argue at another place. He (the householder) immediately put off the lights, but the over-zealous Warden was not satisfied and sent one of the volunteers. The volunteer went satisfied, but the Warden was not. For the second time the volunteer came and asked for particulars regarding name, etc., and yesterday the person concerned received a warning as usual.

The idea of the A.R.P. as ordinary people understand is that it is the business of the authorities to persuade and carry the people with them in this very important work but over-zealous Wardens have become power-conscious and want to show their little authority by victimising those towards whom they are not well disposed. It would be in the interest of the A.R.P. organization and public safety that in case of complete blackout tests, detailed notifications are issued for the guidance of public so that they may as law-abiding citizens obey and carry out the instructions. At a time like this when our nerves are so much strained it is difficult to have peace if the A.R.P. Wardens pursue the present methods which will unnecessarily antagonize the public.—Yours etc.,

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In House Of Commons:

War Debate Postponed

A REFUGE ROOM IN YOUR HOUSE

Handbook On Domestic Air Raid Shelters

Various methods of providing the best possible shelter during air raids, for a household numbering up to 12 persons, are outlined in Part I of A.R.P. Handbook No 5 (India)—"Domestic Air Raid Shelters"—which has been issued by the Civil Defence Department, Government of India. The provision of shelters for large numbers has been dealt with in A.R.P. Handbook No. 5 (India)—"Air Raid Shelters"—which is a purely technical journal, intended for engineers.

Part I, which has been priced at annas two only, deals specifically with refuge rooms. Part II, which is in the course of preparation, will deal with Slit Trenches, Part III with Domestic Surface Shelters and Part IV with Semi-sunk Shelters.

Copies of Part I, which is profusely illustrated with drawings and sketches, have been sent to all Provincial Governments.

The introduction gives in detail the sequence of events when a high explosive bomb, fitted with an instantaneous fuse, strikes the ground and when a high explosive bomb, fitted with a delay action fuse, penetrates into the ground before exploding.

TAKING COVER

Before dealing with the selection of a suitable room as the refuge room and protection of its door and window openings by means of a barricade of sundried brickwork, or earth-filled frames of bullies, bamboo and matting, or old boxes filled with earth, or brickwork built into window openings, stracks of books, the handbook deals with the question of taking cover.

A diagram, based on a large number of reports of results of air raids, gives an approximate indication of the difference in degree of risk resulting from taking cover in various ways, such as lying in a street, lying behind low cover in a shallow "nullah" or doorway, sheltering in a house or other place affording head and side cover sheltering in a proper refuge room and sheltering in a garden shelter. The last three methods are undoubtedly the best.

SCALE OF PRODUCTION

The scale of protection aimed at in a shelter, says the handbook, may be stated to be: "Proof against the combined effects of a 500lb bomb exploding not nearer than 50 feet."

It is obvious (continues the handbook) that shelters to this scale will give complete protection from smaller bombs falling much closer. It has, in fact, been proved that persons sheltering in a slit trench have been unharmed by Japanese anti-personnel bombs (which, so far, have formed a large percentage of the bombs dropped by the enemy) falling as close to the trench as 6 feet.

A SHELTER OR A REFUGE ROOM

There are two main ways of providing shelter for the occupants of a house or small buildings.

First, one can construct an independent shelter, either attached to or detached from the house.

Secondly, the natural protection given by a house may be improved by the formation of a refuge room.

The first of these two methods generally gives a little better protection than the second, but must often be ruled out on account of cost and or availability of space.

A properly prepared refuge room can, however, give almost as good protection as a garden shelter, and is the method most householders are likely to adopt. It is a natural inclination to prefer to remain in one's own home. Shelter indoors allows one to sleep at night, in reasonable security and comfort, and provides handy cover should there be a sudden raid in the daytime.

If a room is carefully selected and the necessary work carried out in a proper manner, a shelter giving adequate protection will result.

A MOST DANGEROUS PRACTICE

When sheltering in the refuge room, or in any form of shelter, do not lean against, or sit with your back in contact with, the wall. This is a most dangerous practice as you lay yourself open to the danger of severe—and possible fatal—concussion due to the wave pulse set up in the wall resulting from a near miss. This can occur even when the wall itself is not penetrated nor visibly damaged on the inside.

Always sit clear of the wall; the majority of the concussive effect will then be absorbed by the air space between the wall and you.

Amery On "Certain Misconceptions": Hush-Hush Again About Malayan Debacle: Gifts To Prisoners Of War

LONDON, April 16.

The Acting Leader of the House, Mr. Anthony Eden, said in the Commons to-day that the two United States War Envoys, General Marshall and Mr. Harry Hopkins, have been engaged in "very important discussions" with the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, and other members of the War Cabinet Mr. Eden added that General Marshall and Mr. Hopkins had only a limited time in London and that, therefore, they could not give an absolute guarantee that the Prime Minister would be in a position to make his statement on the war situation on the day previously mentioned. He said that definite information as to the day of the debate would be given when the House met again.—

The Conservative, Earl Winterton, asked: "Will you allow us to submit proposals through usual channels as to the kind of information we want?"

"For example some of us want to know the chain of causation for the decisions taken—whether they were taken on the spot or by the Prime Minister as the Minister of Defence."

Mr. Eden said that the Prime Minister would be very glad to receive such a representation.

Hush-Hush On Malaya

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, refused to add anything further to the statements already made on the loss of Malaya and Singapore after a number of questions had been put to him by members.

Replying to Mr. Garro Jones (Labour), Mr. Attlee said that Sir Robert Brooke-Popham was responsible for the operational control and general direction and training of all British land and air forces in Malaya, Burma and Hong Kong, but was not responsible for the naval operations which were under the Admiralty and Naval Control.

Commander Bower (Conservative) said that public opinion would not accept with fortitude "this greatest of all military disasters" unless people were given some guarantee that the system or the people responsible would be changed.

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Labour) asked: "Who was responsible for withdrawing from the Far Eastern waters the submarines which normally operate there?"

Mr. Attlee replied that questions implied in both Mr. Bower's and Mr. Stoke's statements should be put down for answer.

Sir Archibald Southby (Conservative) asked: "Does he not consider that all these questions inside and outside this House show the desirability of a proper inquiry into this disaster?"

Mr. Attlee answered that this point had already been put to the Prime Minister and he had already replied to it.

Amery's Protest

The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Amery, in a written reply said that he wished to protest against "certain misconceptions" regarding the alleged luxury living of European community in India. He had been asked how many race meetings were held in Calcutta during the first three months of this year and what steps were being taken to put the European community on a war basis by limiting amusements, restricting food, petrol and luxuries in general.

Mr. Amery said that the question created a wholly misleading impression of the present manner of the living of Europeans in India. "Conditions of life and work in the tropical climate forbid exact comparison with those in this country, but the fact is that luxuries of life in India have been severely restricted notably as the result of rationing of petrol which in view of the great distance and lack of other transport facilities effectively curtails movement I welcome the opportunity to protest against certain misconceptions which have been given currency in this respect and to pay a warm tribute to the devoted work of the European community in India, official and non-official, in furtherance of Government's war effort."

Britain's New War Secretary, Sir James Grigg, making his first appearance in the House to-day, announced that a new section of the British Red Cross Society had been formed to send parcels to British prisoners of war in Japanese hands. The Society had also secured the services of Sir William Currie, Chairman of the P and O Steamship Company in a consultative capacity. Sir James Grigg said that all action in sending parcels to prisoners in Japanese hands was being held up pending the consent of the Japanese authorities. Sir James Grigg added that the present difficulties in sending parcels to prisoners of war in camps in Europe were likely to increase and that at some stage in future the existing parcel route may well become impracticable.

Mr. Duncan Sandys, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in a written reply said that no information had been received which necessitated any amendment to the official statements given regarding the number of British troops now prisoners of war in Singapore. He added that he did not think any useful purpose would be served by furnishing any estimate of casualties in the Malayan campaign.—Reuter.

WAR CABINET NOT TO BLAME

Indian Distrust Caused Cripps' Failure, Says British Labour Party

LONDON, April 16.

Commenting on the present situation in India the "Labour Press Service", which is issued by the Labour Party says:

Sir Stafford Cripps has been denied successful result which would have been a fitting crown to his great effort in India. As he rightly stated: "A great opportunity of rallying India for her defence and her freedom has been missed."

It will be generally recognised that the failure was not due to the British War Cabinet refusal of any essential to certain attainment of India's independence. Nor does the blame attach to the British representative's handling of his important mission.

It is, we believe, universally accepted that Sir Stafford Cripps conducted his difficult negotiations with sympathy and understanding, flexibility of mind and firmness of purpose which are the essence of wise statesmanship.

Throughout the whole free world deep disappointment will be felt that "the past distrust has proved too strong to allow a present agreement." British Labour, which from the days of Keir Hardie and H. M. Hyndman down to the present time, has supported both by voice and influence, India's claim to self-Government, shares in that widespread feeling.

We have good reason to expect that the past distrust of Britain and the absence of the necessary willingness to co-operate internally will not cloud the minds of India's peoples and parties and leaders to the urgency and reality of the danger which threatens from one of the most ruthless enemies of freedom.

Recognition of the danger and the tragic consequences of the failure to overcome it should be a spur to action. Organised voluntary co-operation on the part of India would greatly strengthen the united efforts of peace-loving peoples. We cannot believe that the full measure of India's active co-operation in common defence will be withheld.

LATE DR. ANAND-SHANKER B. DHRUVA

An Appreciation

V. K. R. V. RAO

Dr. A. B. Dhruva was born in 1869 in a well-known Wadnagra Nagar family of Ahmedabad. He was educated in the Gujerat College and had a brilliant academic career at the end of which he was appointed Professor of Sanskrit in the Gujerat College in 1893. From 1893 to 1920 he worked as a Professor in the Gujerat College and for some time as its Principal and besides Sanskrit, he also taught philosophy and English On his retirement he was invited by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya to work as Principal of the Central Hindu College and Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University which positions he occupied till his retirement from that university in 1935.

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During the course of his long academic career of more than 37 years high honours were conferred upon him. He was elected President of the Gujerat Sahitya Parishad in 1928 and during the same year he also presided over the 4th session of the Indian Philosophical Congress which was held in Madras in 1930. He was elected Chairman of the Inter University Board in 1930 and in 1936 he was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature by the Benares Hindu University.

Even after his retirement from Benares Dr. Dhruva continued to serve the cause of higher education. As President of the newly created Ahmedabad Education Society he took an active part in the establishment and development of the Society's Commerce and Arts Colleges, while as President of the Gujerat Vernacular Society he was responsible for the creation of its post-graduate and research departments. He was a pillar of strength to the entire cause of University education in Ahmedabad and was keenly interested in the formation of a separate University for Gujerat, and it is a matter for regret that he should not have lived to have seen his desire fulfilled.

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As Principal of the Ahmedabad Education Society's Arts College, he came into intimate contact with Dr. Dhruva. He was not only the President of the Society but also its honorary Rector in which capacity his guidance and counsel were always available to the Principals of the Society's colleges His breadth of vision, his deep and wide learning and his intensely academic outlook were a source of inspiration and help particularly during the initial periods in the administration of the colleges while his charm of manner, his kindliness of outlook and his scintillating conversation marked with humour and understanding of human frailties left an indelible impression on all those who were fortunate enough to come into contact with him. Ahmedabad has truly lost not only a great educationist but also a great soul by the death of Dr. Dhruva and I am afraid it will be many years before the void created by this loss in the academic life of Gujerat can be successfully filled. The best tribute that can be paid to his memory by the citizens of Ahmedabad would be to carry on the schemes for the establishment and development of post-graduate work in Ahmedabad that he had so much at heart and thus lay the foundation of a Gujerat University of which, if alive, he would certainly have been the unquestioned head.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Bart, received a shock on Tuesday night when he received a telephone message at about 8-35 p. m. that his bungalow at Juhu known as "Pakistan" was in the occupation of the military.

—Local Report

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The military situation in India is good, declared Sir Stafford Cripps.

Naturally naturally. Hasn't it just been rescued by Sir Stafford and his principals from the gravest danger of the last 150 years?

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"...although", says Rajen Babu, "the tongue was Sir Stafford Cripps', the language spoken was still that of Mr. Amery."

Yes, Sir Stafford did speak with his tongue in Mr. Amery's cheek.

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Mr. M. A. Jinnah has issued a statement practically denouncing and repudiating everything that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has said recently.

The Qaid-e-Azum couldn't have found a cheaper, quicker and more satisfactory method of securing world-wide publicity.

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Talking of Jawaharlal and Mr. Jinnah, the former, we learn, is proposing to visit refugees in Assam and Bengal.

The lead having been given Mr. Jinnah should immediately choose one of his lieutenants also to make a similar visit.

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A press report from Delhi says that for another ten days the Viceroy will be away from Headquarters.

Late as always. What's the good of it now?

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Delhi Hit By Hailstorm.

—Headline

What again? And so soon?

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The speech which Lord Halifax delivered the other day on India brought him a fee of Rs. 2,000 which he has sent to the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund.

This is what is called adding insult to injury.

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Conferences have recently been held in London between the American General Marshal and Britain's Commando Chief, Lord Louis Mountbatten.

The joke is that Americans deduce therefrom the imminence of exciting developments in Western Europe

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"I want to change the death certificate I gave you yesterday," said the doctor, agitatedly.

"What's wrong?" asked the coroner.

"I signed my name in the space marked "Cause of Death."

Hopeless Lighting In 3rd Class Carriages

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It is high time that the Railway authorities should turn their attention to the lighting of the 3rd class carriages on the B.B. and C.I. Suburban system. Owing to very insufficient light, the visibility both in the carriages as well as on the platform is so little that one is unable to recognise the face of a person standing next to him. I cannot understand why the 3rd class passengers are subjected to these unnecessary hardships. If "Black-out" restrictions is the answer do they not apply to upper class carriages? When upper class passengers, can travel in comfortable light, reading their papers or playing cards, without any danger to the safety of the country, why should third class passengers in the same train suffer these hardships? I do not for even a moment suggest that the light in the upper class carriages should be curtailed. My grievance is that lighting in third class carriages should be more comfortable-sufficient enough for human beings to travel.—Yours, etc.,

R. B. NAIK.

R. A. F. RAIDERS OVER GERMANY

Cannonade And Heavy Explosions Rumble Across Channel

LONDON, April 15.

Following morning's sweep, large numbers of fighters were again over the French coast this afternoon. People on the cliffs at Folkestone heard squadron after squadron coming in from France but owing to haze and the height at which aircraft were flying saw little of them.

There was some anti-aircraft fire between Boulogne and Calais at one time.

Dunkirk area was the target in the morning attack in which hurricane bombers and spitfires took part. All raiders returned safely after seeing bombs hit railway sidings and quay. Two German fighters of Fokke Wolfe 190 type are listed as "probably destroyed" by spitfires. Shortly after operation was completed a lone spitfire pilot on shipping reconnaissance in the Channel damaged an enemy torpedo boat of about 200 tons. He dived on it from 5,000 feet firing machine and cannon guns.

R. R. F. SWEEP OVER DUNKIRK AREA

It is learnt in London that during daylight ths morning R. A. F. fighters, accompanied by hurricanes, carrying bombs, made a sweep over the Dunkirk area.

It is learned in London two German aircraft were destroyed over northern France.

EXPLOSIONS RUMBLE ACROSS THE CHANNEL

R. A. F.'s day and night offensive grows steadily in volume. Night operations had hardly ceased, when daylight raiders crossed the Straits early to-day to launch fresh attacks. Hour after hour during the night anti-aircraft guns and searchlights were in action over the Calais and Dunkirk areas and heavy explosions rumbled across the Channel to the Kent Coast. Then as the sun was rising, the roar of R. A. F. formations was heard over the sea and weary German gunners had to go into action once more. The cannonade continued for over half an hour and was interspersed with heavier explosions of bombs.

BOMBING OF SAINT NAZAIRE

LONDON: The docks at Saint Nazaire, the objective of a recent raid by combined forces, were among the objects bombed by the R. A. F. on Wednesday night.

An Air Ministry Communique states: "The Ruhr was again heavily attacked last night by aircraft of the Bomber Command. The docks at St. Nazaire and Le Havre and aerodromes in Low Countries were also bombed. Four of our aircraft are missing."

R. A. F. OVER GERMANY

It is learned in London that the R. A. F. was over German territory last Wednesday night.

An Air Ministry Communique says: "Last Wednesday night a small number of enemy aircraft dropped bombs at points on the coast of north-east England. A number of casualties have been reported and some damage done most of which occurred at one place. A few bombs dropped elsewhere caused neither damage nor casualties."—Reuter.

HOME GUARDS FOR INDIA

Govt. Of India's Plans For India's Defence

The New Delhi Correspondent of the "Civil and Military Gazette" writes:—

The Government of India are reported to be undertaking new measures for the safety of the country, the arming of the people and the building up of public morale against rumours and enemy propaganda.

The proposals, which have been forwarded to the provinces, seek to assess how far each province can increase arms production. With increased arms production, Home Guard may shortly be raised on a restricted basis. It is proposed that the holders of gun licences and their near male relations be given financial aid by the Government for the purchase of guns. Armed countrymen, it is believed, will make for a greater sense of security, especially amongst the rural population. Also, Civic Guards may be recruited in rural areas, too.

The provinces have been asked to inform the Centre how much additional police they will require to ensure full safety against repercussions of unfavourable war news. In the case of provinces which cannot meet the cost of additional police, the Central Government, it is believed, will give financial help.

Police forces in coastal areas, in addition to regular troops, are to be strongly armed. Important bases are being set up to guard the coasts particularly the East coast.

Food, evacuation, and accommodation problems are also covered by the Central Government's memorandum to the provinces. The Central Government will be prepared, in conjunction with Provincial Governments and other organisations, to undertake to evacuate the poor free of cost and to render financial help to war victims.

Gen. Royce's Coup Saves Many High Officials

M. S. LONG-RANGE AIRCRAFT GIVE JITTERS TO JAPANESE IN PHILIPPINES

MELBOURNE, April 16.

United States bombers, which raided Philippines brought back to Australia a number of highly placed army and air officers, United States correspondents, air crews and a Chinese liaison officer. This is announced by United States headquarters here.

TWO-DAY PICNIC FOR U. S. LONG-RANGERS

"For two days we had something in the nature of a picnic", said a 51-year-old Brig.-Gen Ralph Royce, when seated in his office he described to-day the raid by United States long-range bombers on the Philippines. "It was a field day", he added.

Brig-Gen. Royce, who is Chief of Staff to General Brett, Allied Air Commander-in-Chief in Australia, revealed that throughout the operations he maintained contact with the raiding force by means of a courser plane, though personally he did not take part in the raid. Between operations he piloted a bomber for five tours. Brig.-Gen. Royce said that the teamwork of the fliers left nothing to be desired.

Gen. Royce told how he sent heavy bombers towards Manila on Sunday. They got one transport near Batangas, while one bomber crew at the same time tried to find cruisers and destroyers near Corregidor. They were not successful, so they went and dropped a stick of bombs on Nichola's field.

RAIDS ON CEBU AND DAVAO

The same morning he sent medium bombers to Cebu to bomb transports and escort vessels. That afternoon half the bombers returned to Cebu and the other half went to Davao. The next morning transports and installations at Cebu and Davao were successfully bombed.

Gen. Royce said that only one bomber was lost. It was smashed by the only direct hit in Japanese raids. "Our raids threw the Japanese into a terrific panic. Imagine their bewilderment at a big bunch of bombers, which loosed everything on them. Their radio used up either all day (Sunday) trying to find from where we came and the means of stopping us. It was only on the second day that we experienced opposition".

Gen. Royce said bombers attacked at between 5,000 and 2,000 feet. Apart from the plane destroyed on the ground, one other plane was hit at 2,000 feet, but it was not seriously damaged.

Brigader-General Royce, disclosed that 110 tons of bombs were dropped.

Gen. Royce said that the most important military aspect of the raids was their disturbing effect on the Japanese and a heartening of the morale of Americans fighting in the Philippines.

He considered that a vital spot to hit the Japanese from was Burma. He said that if the Allies could get sufficient planes there and strike across into China they could cut the Japanese line with long-range bombers.

One of the bombers which raided the Philippines made a forced landing and was badly damaged but the crew parachuted to safety.

DARING ACTION

The "MELBOURNE HERALD'S" military correspondent states that no details are available as to how the passengers were evacuated from the Philippines but that it was a daring operation in full keeping with the spirit of determination which caused the bombers set out on the mission—the success of which was doubted when first planned.

AIR HOPE FOR LAND ARMY

The Army Minister, Mr. Forde, said to-day that the raids by United States airmen on enemy bases in the Philippines were an indication of what could be expected in a great offensive. Land forces looked forward confidently to co-operating with the air forces in driving the Japanese back from Australia.

"BUNCH OF KIDS'

"A bunch of kids" is the description given of the Japanese forces which landed in Lingayen Bay on the west coast of Luzon early in the Philippines campaign by wounded American and Filipino troops, who have just arrived in Australia from Manila. They said that the Japanese 'Suicide Squads' were boys of 16 to 18 years old, "who believed that as they were fighting for their gods they were unkillable."

FIRE IN SIGHT OF LAND

The latest arrivals had a thrill during the voyage. As their ship sighted Australia fire broke out in the boiler room. "For about an hour", one of the wounded said, "The crew fought the fire, aided by orderlies and such patients as were able to do so. One patient was severely burned. We were just thinking that we should have to land in Australia in lifeboats, when word came that the fire was under control."

FOOD FAMINE IN MADRAS

Mayor's Call To Govt. For Adequate Provision

BOMBAY, April 16.

Due to abnormal pressure telegrams from Madras to Bombay and Southern India are subject to serious delay, says a Telegraph Notification issued by the Chief Superintendent, Central Telegraph Office.

MADRAS.—The Mayor of Madras in a statement to the press regarding the need for providing adequate foodstuffs for those still remaining in the city consequent on the closing of most of the bazaars says:

It is now becoming a matter of great concern to all that unless Government move soon in this matter, the people of Madras will experience a famine.

An assurance that they would do their best to keep their restaurants and hotels open was given by some of the proprietors of Indian hotels at a meeting convened by the Collector of Madras to-day. Hotel keepers stated that many hotels in the city were closed as cooks and servants had left the city and the management were short of staff. The Collector promised to see that provisions were made available to hotels through the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society as also milk through milk supply unions.

WALTAIR:—The Registrar of the Andhra University notifies that the headquarters of the University will be shifted from Waltair to Guntur.—A.P.

VICHY TO LINE UP WITH AXIS?

(Continued From Page 1)

der with recent operational experience.

It may be, it is added that the Germans "are taking counsel with their fears".

Food Supply Stopped

WASHINGTON:—Plans for sending American food and clothing to France and French North Africa have been cancelled due to the Vichy shake-up. Under Secretary Welles announced. Two ships for North Africa, and one Red Cross vessel carrying milk and clothing for the children of France, have not sailed, and will not, pending clarification of M. Laval's policy.

Until the composition of the new Vichy Government is known, and until it has taken over control, there is no basis on which U. S. policy can be announced, Mr. Welles said. He declined to say whether U. S. Ambassador Leahy would be recalled from Vichy for consultation. He said the U. S. had not received the Vichy reply to the U. S. rejection of their protest against a U. S. consulate at Brazzaville.

Mr. Welles is conferring with President Roosevelt about France to-day.

Will Allies Attack Africa?

The Vichy crisis has revived rumours that the American Forces might be planning to strike in West Africa, but there is absolutely no confirmation that such action is imminent.

Experts point out that if Vichy comes fully into the Nazi fold it will extend the Axis West Front to the African Continent, which, from the Allied viewpoint, is one of the most vulnerable spots for attack.

Full Vichy collaboration with the Axis will form a serious threat to Allied Supply lines around the Cape of Good Hope if U-boats and Commerce Raiders are allowed bases along the extensive coastlines of Morocco, French West Africa and Madagascar. It is pointed out that any action against Africa would necessarily involve Canary and Madeira Islands which would involve Portugal and Spain.

The Free French possession of French Equatorial Africa would prove a military windfall if the Allies decided to move into Africa. In this connection, informed circles attach the greatest significance to President Roosevelt's recognition of Brazzaville Government.

French Fleet

NEW YORK:—The more important units of the French fleet are at present concentrated at Toulon according to advices from Europe. These include the four battleships Courbet, Orleans, Strasbourg and Dunquerque. The Dunquerque is in drydock for repairs of damages suffered at Oran.

Also at Toulon is the aircraft-carrier Commandant Teste and the three 10,000-ton cruisers "Foch", "Colbert" and "Duplex", three light cruisers, several destroyers and auxiliary craft.

The unfinished battleship "Jean Bart" is still without gun turrets at Casablanca where she sought shelter in the spring of 1940. Other French units include the aircraft-carrier "Bearn" and the cruisers "Emile Bertin" and "Jean D'Arc" at Martinique and the battleship "Lorraine" at Alexandria.

AMERICANS TO QUIT VICHY FRANCE

WASHINGTON, April 16.

It is understood that the United States have requested all Americans in unoccupied France to return to America as soon as possible. This applies only to ordinary citizens, and it is not connected with Laval developments. American diplomatic and Consular officials are not involved.—Reuter.

FOUR JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK

U. S. Bombers In Action In Philippines: R.A.F. Attack On Koepang

WASHINGTON, April 16.

Japanese ammunition dumps were hit and blown up by guns on Corregidor and other defending forts, says the War Department.

The text of the War Department "communique" on Thursday morning states: "Firstly; PHILIPPINE THEATRE:— There were five air raids on Corregidor during April 15. Our anti-aircraft artillery forced enemy bombers to fly too high for effective bombing. There have been 206 air raid alarms in Corregidor since the beginning of the war. Actually, there have been more raids than alarms since there have been occasions when the alarm was on for half a day during which four or five air attacks occurred. Since April 9 there have been 65 air raids on the island.—Reuter.

R.A.A.F. Raid Koepang

A 'communique' states: "Before dawn this morning the R. A. A. F. raided Koepang in Timor. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on the aerodrome.

Four Jap Ships Sunk, Four Others Badly Damaged

WASHINGTON, April 16.

American bombers which raided Japanese installations and shipping in the Philippines on Monday and yesterday sank four ships and damaged four others one of which is believed to have sunk.

They also shot down four enemy planes, says a United States War Department communique.

U. S. MINE-SWEEPER SUNK

The Navy Department announces that the United States minesweeper "Finch" was sunk by bombs in Corregidor.

There were no casualties to personnel. Nothing to report from other areas. Launched in 1918 the "Finch" whose displacement is 840 tons, served in the world war with the Atlantic fleet and on Yangtse patrol in 1932.—Reuter.

Traitor General Returns To Chinese Forces

CHUNGKING, April 16.

General Wang Shen Wu, Commander of two puppet divisions in western Suiyuan has rejoined the Chinese forces after mutinying and killing his Japanese advisers and officers. announced a Chinese 'communique".—Reuter.

CRIPPS MEETS NAHAS PASHA

CAIRO, April 16.

Sir Stafford Cripps accompanied by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, this morning called on the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nahas Pasha, who came out to welcome them.

The talks lasted half an hour.—Reuter.

Federal Court

BEAUMONT SUCCEEDS ZAFRULLAH

NEW DELHI, April 16.

H.E. the Governor-General has been pleased to appoint the Hon. Sir John Beaumont, at present Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, to be an acting judge of the Federal Court of India, in place of Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, who is proceeding on deputation to Chungking as Agent-General of the Government of India, says a communique.—A. P.

Satyamurti Exposes Cripps' Fallacies

NEW DELHI April 16

Mr. S. Satyamurti, M.L.A., has issued the following statement on the failure of Sir Stafford Cripps' mission :—

"The Cripps' mission has been a failure. It is worse than useless to think of what might have been, but at the same time the facts concerning the failure should be clearly understood by the people of India, of Great Britain and of the world. I am not concerned with the proposals for the future in this statement. I am only concerned with the proposed 'interim' arrangements.

Sir Stafford Cripps, however, at Karachi said: "We have offered everything we could, there is nothing more to offer, there is no good in discussing past history." I agree with the last sentence, but can Sir Stafford Cripps say honestly that Britain has offered everything she could. Why should not Britain offer even now to India an 'interim' National Government including defence such as that which functions in Australia to-day? I refer to the Reuter's telegram dated the 15th April from Australia whereby Mr. Curtin becomes Defence Minister and questions of higher Australian defence policy will in future be submitted to the War Cabinet through him. He will be the link between Government and the Supreme Commander, General MacArthur, who will have operational control of Australian forces placed at his disposal. Mr. Curtin will also be the channel of communication to and from the Australian representative in the United Kingdom War Cabinet and the Pacific Councils in London and Washington." On these lines, it is perfectly possible, if only there be mutual trust, to evolve a satisfactory 'interim' arrangement.

WILL CRIPPS WITHDRAW CHARGE?

But I am more concerned with Sir Stafford Cripps' statement that the Indian National Government, as envisaged by the Congress would be a sort of Cabinet dictatorship not responsible to anybody or people. I do not know whether Sir Stafford Cripps got the impression that the Congress wanted a Cabinet dictatorship. Both Maulana Abul Kalam Azad the President of the Indian National Congress, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who took continuous active part in these discussions, said that they never came to discuss the actual personnel of the proposed National Government, and, therefore, I think in fairness to the Congress, Sir Stafford Cripps should either substantiate this statement, or withdraw it.

VICEROY'S POSITION

Then, I should like to know from Sir Stafford Cripps what he means by saying that the National Government would not be responsible to the Viceroy and it was essential that in the present state of war emergency, there should be some control over such a Cabinet. What is meant by "responsible" to the Viceroy? The Viceroy is an autocrat in the political sense of that word. He is responsible to the Secretary of State for India who is not a member of the British War Cabinet. Does Sir Stafford Cripps claim that this "responsibility" is a substitute for any kind of National Government?

Then, Sir Stafford very innocently says that he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of the Viceroy to settle his relations with the Cabinet. But the Congress was not satisfied with this position. Why did not Sir Stafford then bring the Viceroy into the picture and get him and the leaders to have a talk about the Viceroy's relations with the proposed National Government?

WAY OUT

If this difficulty had been squarely and fairly put before the leaders of the Congress and of other parties, I have no doubt in my own mind that a solution could have been suggested, which would have met Sir Stafford Cripps' difficulty. I recognise there is a difficulty. I personally am not in favour of nominees of anybody being put in power, without any control. But surely one can make a suggestion which is perfectly practicable. The present Indian Legislative Assembly is in its eighth year of existence, and it can no longer be said to represent anybody in particular. Within a fortnight the Assembly can be dissolved and fresh elections held thereto through the Provincial Legislative Assemblies on the principle of proportional representation as provided for in the Government of India Act, 1935. The nominated element, official and non-official will go, and the strength of the House on the non-official side will be correspondingly increased, if necessary. Then, the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha, the Sikhs and the Depressed Classes will be represented on the new Assembly. Leaders of parties in the Assembly may then be invited to nominate or to suggest the members of the National Government, whether from among themselves or from outsiders, if necessary, and seats can be found for outsiders, as provided for in the Government of India Act. If this Government is formed, there will be some members who would not sit on Government benches, and as is done now, and as Sir Stafford Cripps knows in the British House of Commons, although the parties as such may join the National Government, the members thereof may form the Opposition, as the Labour Party functions in the House of Commons in order to act as a check on the Government.

"ALL OR NOTHING" BUSINESS

There are other ways of meeting this difficulty. But Sir Stafford Cripps is grossly unfair to the Congress when he suggests that the Congress wanted a dictatorship. There, he shows his entire agreement with Mr. Jinnah. Mr. Jinnah, I can understand, but Sir Stafford Cripps, I cannot. Airily enough, Sir Stafford says, the Congress wanted all or nothing, they could not have all, so they got nothing. I alter the words and say, 'The British Government wanted to give nothing at present, they could not delude the people into the belief that nothing is something, so the British Government got nothing out of these negotiations'. I am glad that Sir Stafford understands, as a realist that helping the war will be more effective for the people of India, if they join the Government and cooperate with it. Sir Stafford Cripps has said that the initiative must come from Indians. Pandit Nehru has said very properly that they are not going to make any further advance.

JINNAH AND CONGRESS

What then, is the question which the people of India must put to themselves and answer. I see Mr. Jinnah has very clearly stated that the demand of the Congress, as explained by Pandit Nehru at a recent press conference and as disclosed in correspondence with Sir Stafford Cripps, does definitely prejudge and militate against the Pakistan demand and, therefore, is inconceivable to us. I put it to Mr. Jinnah respectfully that this is not a proper reading of the Congress position. On the other hand the Congress Working Committee definitely say "that the Committee cannot think in terms of compelling the people in any territorial unit to remain in an Indian Union against their declared and established will". Again, they have said "that they are prepared to deal with the present, without any prejudice as regards the future". Mr. Jinnah answering the question whether it is not for the leaders to meet and discuss the matter, replied: 'It is for the leaders to devise means of doing so'. Mr. Jinnah is a very important leader, and it is for him to help to devise more means.

This means that, while we are discussing, Japan is marching rapidly forward in Burma. We must come together and as early as possible. Otherwise, a poignant tragedy awaits all of us.—A.P.

NAZIS POISON CROAT LEADER

Dr. Matchek's Plight In Internment

LONDON, April 16.

According to reliable news Dr Matchek, the Croat leader, has been gradually poisoned during internment. He is seriously ill, but even his family is not allowed to visit him. Although the authorities tried to keep the report of his health a strict secret, it has become known in Croatia.

Information reaching the Yugoslav Government in London shows that Dr. Matchek has not been released from internment, as was reported, but only the place of his captivity has been changed. Attempts to induce Dr. Matchek to abandon resistance against Germany and Italy have been unsuccessful. The anger of Croat people against the occupatory powers is very great.—Reuter.

Wanted BRAVE MEN with BICYCLES

If Bombay is raided, the telephone service may be damaged—particularly where destruction and suffering call most urgently for organised action. Messengers who can work their way safely through the danger area will then be the only means of bringing relief to the people.

BOMBAY CYCLE RUNNERS

To keep the life-lines of Bombay secure, we need at least 500 men of courage and resource, willing to train and take orders—the safety-link between the Civil Defence Services:

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   - Rs. 5 a month to keep his bicycle in perfect order
   - Full compensation for loss or damage while on duty.
3. Bombay Cycle Runners will wear Uniform with steel helmet and special arm-band—will carry a message-case — provided free.
4. To be really efficient, every Cycle-Runner should also learn the details of an ARP Warden's job. He should also know at least simple First Aid. Simple training is always available for this extra knowledge.

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Latest Commercial

JULY
New York, April 15
Previous closing 19.51
To-day's opening 19.59
Difference ..... +08
To-day's closing ..... not received

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 16

Following are the New York opening ranges:—
May (19.31/30) 19.46/45
July (19.45/42) 19.59/59
October (19.59/59) 19.77/76

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, April 16

SEEDS
Castorseeds April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta April/May (£20 nominal) £20 sellers
Linseed La Plata April/May (£20 1/8 quoted) £20 1/8 quoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted. £20
West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers

LONDON METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 16
Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening 4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 16
Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.
London, April 16
London Gold (£8-8-0)

LONDON SILVER
London, April 16
Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1/5 1/32 sellers; 1/6 31/32 buyers) 1/6 1/32 sellers; 1/6 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LINSEED AND WHEAT
Bombay, April 16.
Linseed May 3 9 9
Wheat May 7 5 0

Reserve Bank

BOMBAY, April 16

The Reserve Bank of India rate remains unchanged at three per cent per annum.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 16

The Stock Exchange was steady to-day.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, April 16

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 7/32

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
London, April 16

5 per cent 1968/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 3/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 11/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 31/32
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 3/8
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 3/4

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35-0
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Hamlin Johnson 26-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical 33-3
Woolsworth Ordinary 51-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76
Dundee 25-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 26-3
Ford Motors 24-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 5/8
Barcras 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/4
P and O Defd 27-10 1/2
Distillers 74-2
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-4 1/2
J and P Coates 34-6
Courtaulds Ordinary 33-7 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-4 1/8
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/2
Indian Iron 32-6

TEA SHARES
Assam 10-3
Donaro Tea 18-9
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE
Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 5-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-9

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 14-4 1/2
Burma Corporation 3-0
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 13/16
Rand Mines £6 1/8

MINE SHARES
Crown £8 1/2
Associated Portland Cement 45-0
Trinidad Leasehold 66-10 1/2
Sub-Nigel £5 3/4
Spring Mines Split Share £0 15/16
Union Corporation 125-0

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 35-7 1/2
Anglo-India 36-3
Burma Oil £1 13-32
Mexican Eagle 13-3
Shell Transport £1 15/16
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £41 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport "C" £40

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, April 16

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors (dol 32 1/4) dol 33 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 5/8) dol 24 3/4
United States Steel Common (dol 47 1/8) dol 47 1/2
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

Daily Temperatures

POONA, April 16

The following are the maximum and minimum temperature up to 8 a.m. on 16th April, 1942:—
Calcutta 94, 77; Ranchi 99, 74; Lucknow 105, 75; Delhi 93 64; Lahore 88, 63; Srinagar 49, 39; Peshawar 75, 57; Karachi 85, 78; Nagpur 107, 79; Poona 100, 69; Hyderabad (Dn.) 104, 78; Bangalore 94, 73; Shillong 73, 62, Darjeeling 64, 51; Mussoorie 55, 45; Simla 60, 43; Pachmarhi 94, 76; Mahableshwar 87, 68; Ootacamund 76, 52.—A.P.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 15.

The Stock Exchange was still quiet but with the budget over some widening of interest was noticeable with the general undertone fully steady. Tobaccos, stores and breweries early declined on budget influences but apart from breweries the losses subsequently were made up. Giltedged early further advanced but failed to hold the gains apart from war loan which rose an eighth. Kaffirs were dull on cape offerings but oils were steady. Shippings, Brazil bonds and home rails were quietly firm.

MILITARY OCCUPY "PAKISTAN" COMPOUND

Sir Currimbhoy's Protest

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Bart. received a telephone message at about 8-35 p. m. on Tuesday that the compound of his bungalow at Juhu known as "Pakistan" was in the occupation of the military.

It appears that the gate of the bungalow, which was closed but not locked, was opened by an officer in charge of a detachment of troops and the party entered the compound and took up their quarters for the night.

No notice was given to the owner of "Pakistan" and the first he heard of the military occupation of his compound was when the officer in command of the detachment informed him that "We are here and here we rest."

SIR CURRIMBHOY'S PROTEST

He has addressed a protest to the military authorities in the course of which he says:—

"This extraordinary procedure is highly objectionable, as before the occupation, he (the officer) did not even have the courtesy of enquiring from me whether I agreed or not to such occupation."

"You will further be surprised to learn that when I reached Juhu, Captain Khan was not to be found there, and the Adjutant who was in charge got me in touct with a certain authority, whose status is unknown to me. I had a talk over the telephone with this officer, and he himself admitted that it was wrongfu to enter the compound without first informing the landlords. He fully realised the delicacy of the law, and further told me that if Captain Khan did not return within 10 minutes, the troops should vacate the compound.

"When Captain Khan returned at about 11 p.m I informed him about the above conversation over the telephone and also told him that the person who was in charge during his absence heard that if Captain Khan failed to return within 10 minutes, they should vacate the compound.

"But, to my surprise, Captain Khan ..... and refused to vacate the compound. I asked him if he could show me any emergency orders which could entitle him to enter my property without my sanction. He only replied that he had been given such orders. .....

"I find it difficult to believe..... that the orders were given by superior authority, as such orders could only have meant to force entry into somebody's compound. Further Captain Khan himself wanted to go out and leave only his men in the compound. It seems therefore doubtful, if any such orders were given by his superiors. Kindly inform me in this matter at your earliest."

The letter concludes with a request to the authorities "in order to make things smooth" to order the military party to leave the premises and "respect the law."

PIECEGOODS AND YARN EXPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Fresh restrictions imposed by the Government of India this week on exports of piecegoods and yarn without assigning any reason therefore have caused great stir in textile circles.

It appears that a telegraphic protest against the order by the Bombay millowners and an interview with the local Export Officer have not resulted in clarifying the issue.

The imposition of the new order in a restricted market has caused alarm among textile circles. It is argued that since the occupation of Hongkong, Malaya and Singapore their markets have shrunk to East and South Africa and a few others in the Middle East.

It appears that these restrictions were planned by Government nearly six months ago and before Japan had declared war and at a time when textile prices were going up and a famine in piecegoods was anticipated. Then there was no further talk about these restrictions and it appeared as though the matter rested there. Now suddenly and unexpectedly they have been brought into operation.

The only concession made by Government appears to be to give instructions to issue permits to owners of goods awaiting shipment at the docks.

The Additional Secretary to Commerce Department, Government of India, will reach Bombay on April 24, when the matter will be thrashed out.

LIMITED TURNOVER IN YARN MARKET

Bombay, April 15.

There is no special change to report in the yarn market during the whole past week. The undertone has continued to remain very quiet specially due to enemy raids on some ports of the East coast of India in the beginning of the week and also due to constant fears about further raids on other places in the next few days. It is but natural that all business has been temporarily disorganised in large cities and especially in ports and some of the trades have already left and some are about to leave their places of business. In such circumstances turnover has been extremely limited and prices are more or less nominal in as much as there has been no normal buying or selling as such in the local market. Reports from Madras, Calcutta and other big centres on the East coast of India are very depressing in as much as it has been reported that it is almost difficult if not impossible to have normal business transacted in these important markets. In Ahmedabad, the Punjab, U.P., C.P., Sind and other markets some turnover in yarns has been possible but owing to various trading difficulties and also due to absence of satisfactory transport arrangement, business is getting more and more disorganised. Enquiries from the Punjab, and Frontier markets have also fallen off to some extent in the latter part of the week probably because of the heavy pressure of sales in these markets from all over the country. Reports from Ahmedabad go to show that local mills have been reducing their prices of yarns with a view to place fresh business but buyers are difficult to find and prices are gradually declining. Cotton market has continued to remain rather weak with an uncertain tendency inspite of several efforts by the Government of India to keep up the price of this commodity. Reports from the cloth market are also not favourable although that market is slightly better as compared with yarn. As regards Export markets some steamers have been available for certain ports both for yarn and cloth and it is gratifying to note that some old stocks are being shipped and are in course of shipment at present. On the whole the yarn market continues to remain weak and uninteresting.

JAPANESE AND SHANGHAI YARNS.

There have been some improvement in prices of both Japanese and Shanghai yarns during the week but the turnover continues to remain very limited. Owing to the recent unfavourable War developments enquiries have definitely increased especially from the Northern markets but the stocks in the local market are very limited. It is reported that some of the dealers have removed their stocks to upcountry centres and therefore scarcity is being increasingly felt in many varieties. Speculative turnover in Mercerised yarns has been totally absent. Future tendency is hopeful.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS.

Prices in artificial silk yarns as well as in staple fibre yarns have continued to show further improvement during the whole week. Enquiries have increased from the Punjab markets and higher prices are being paid by the buyers on account of the scarcity of stocks especially in staple fibre yarns. Future tendency is more hopeful.

INDIAN YARNS.

Turnover on the Bombay Yarn Exchange Ltd., has been extremely restricted on account of continued nervousness due to recent unfavourable political developments. Prices in 20 1/2s on the Exchange for April delivery have been irregular and very little business is transacted except by way of settlement. As for June delivery no transaction has been possible. The future tendency is yet weak.

Indian Sugar Quietly Steady

Bombay, April 15

Since our last review, market for Bonded Java sugar has continued to remain totally uninteresting and the quotation is nominal. This is mainly due to the export permit not being available from the Government of India. Holders are also firm and are not willing to sell their stocks at lower limits as the fresh imports are now out of question. General opinion amongst merchants is that price will recover, no sooner Exports permits are granted and freight is available. At the close tone of the market was uncertain.

INDIAN SUGAR.

Market for ready Indian sugar remained quiet with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. There was however little interest in forward or arrivals on F.O.R. bases, mainly because there was uncertainty of arrivas owing to shortage of waggons supplies. On the whole there was a decline of 2 annas in ready and 4 to 6 annas per md. in F.O.R. prices. in Bombay Group May delivery there was little or no activity and the quotation is nominal at Rs. 14-4-0 per md. In Gola Group July delivery, market fluctuated more or less according to the Exchange quotation received from Cawnpore. Business was practically at standstill as owing to the nervousness caused by the political news, dealers are not prepared to enter into fresh contracts and most of the business done in the market is of the nature of settlement of contracts only. During the week the Indian Sugar Syndicate issued a quota of 5 per cent making in all 2 per cent from the current production of the Syndicate mills which were taken up by the Agents. There were sellers in Cawnpore at Rs. 12 per md. F.O.R. for standard qualities i.e. 6 to 6 annas below the prices at which previous quotas were sold but there was no buying interest owing to uncertainty of deliveries and political uncertainties. The important news during the week has been the appointment of Sugar Controller by the Government of India with certain powers to fix ex Factory prices. The price fixed for Sugar of quality C 28 (Howrah) is Rs. 11-12-0 per md. ex Factory. This rate allows for the payment of seven annas per mr. for Sugar cane by factories in the U.P. and Bihar. It is difficult to say how the Government scheme will work out eventually as there are many complications. This control scheme has had very little effect in the local prices as owing to political situation merchants and dealers are not willing to enter into fresh contracts and prefer to liquidate their standing business for the present. Market closed quiet.

There was no interest in Java sugar except for ready business for Export in Karachi. As regards Indian sugar Calcutta market was reported quiet with little or no activity. Prices were reported 2 to 3 annas below last week's quotations. In Karachi there was no change in ready while forward prices were lower by 3 to 4 annas owing to decline in mills F.O.R. quotations in Cawnpore.

Market is likely to remain extremely uncertain and will depend upon the political developments.

TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC AGENCIES, LTD.

Total Units Generated

Messrs Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for The Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., The Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd., and The Tata Power Company, Limited, report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations of the Hydro Group and purchased from the Chola Steam Station were as follows:—

15th Week (ended April 15th):
1940 11,303,300
1941 18,002,350
1942 16,887,150

Total for 15 Weeks (1st January to date)
1940 187,652,000
1941 267,972,500
1942 280,380,655

For the calendar month of March 1942, the total units of energy generated amounted to 77, 841,900 and the total units sold by the three Companies to 68,972,813.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 10th day of April 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	13,18,75,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	396,96,18,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	28,33,32,000
Total Notes issued	437,48,25,000
Total Liabilities	437,48,25,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 63.149 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	—
Sterling Securities	231,85,11,000
Total of A.	276,26,54,000
B. Rupee Coin	30,97,19,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	130,24,52,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	—
Total Assets	437,48,25,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 10th April 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt. of India	5,30,41,000
(2) Government of Burma	47,04,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	10,66,28,000
(b) Banks	42,20,53,000
(c) Others	1,74,03,000
Bills Payable	3,55,31,000
Other Liabilities	6,50,33,000
Rupees	80,53,93,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	13,17,50,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	1,25,000
Rupee Coin	6,50,000
Subsidiary Coin	3,61,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	—
(b) External	—
(c) Government Treasury Bills	1,33,83,000
Balances held abroad*	46,16,34,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	5,85,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	5,50,200
Investments	8,18,00,000
Other Assets	5,66,30,000
Rupees	80 53,93,000

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

WAR TELLS ON B. E. S. & T.

BOMBAY Thursday.

Addressing the shareholders at the twenty-second annual general meeting of the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Company to-day, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Chairman of the Board of Directors said that though, from the point of view of administration and working of the Company, the year was the most difficult one, still it was a matter for satisfaction that the year had yielded an increase in the balance of profit.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas said:—"In the financial results before you, you will have noted that the year has provided a divisible profit of Rs. 39.41 lakhs after making provision for depreciation and other charges. We recommend a final dividend making in all Rs. 6 per share, absorbing Rs. 35.9 lakhs, and leaving Rs. 3.51 lakhs to be carried forward. You will also have noted that before arriving at the figure of divisible profit, we have appropriated Rs. 2 lakhs towards the Income-Tax and Super-Tax Reserve Account, and this requires some explanation. In previous years, this Account has stood at Rs. 13.26 lakhs and at the time it was brought up to this figure, in 1938, this sum was regarded as an adequate reserve. However, in recent years, the scale of taxation has been repeatedly increased and your Board thought it prudent to build up this reserve still further whilst they had the opportunity. Further we are advised that owing to recent changes in the Indian Income-Tax Act, the Company will probably be liable to pay taxation on all profits up to the last day of trading, and this accounts for the special note introduced by the Company's auditors in the report. Your Board have also strengthened the General Reserve Fund account by the appropriation of Rs. 3 lakhs, and the Fire Insurance Reserve Fund account by Rs. 1 lakh. Whilst mentioning insurance, I should like to take the opportunity of saying that about two-thirds of our property is not very vulnerable to war risks."

Speaking of the prospects for 1942 he said that the A.R.P. lighting restrictions had caused a setback to the lighting sales. Evacuation of large number of families was also expected to affect the sales of electricity. Industrial activity, however, had been slightly better.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 16.

Wheat	May	0	0 9
Linseed	May	0	3 9
Gr. Nut	May	1	5 0
Castorseed	May	1	10 0
Cott. seed	May	0	10 0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 16.

Yellow Metal Sheet	Rs. 94
Copper Sheets (nominal)	Rs. 112
Tone:—Dull	

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 16.

Yarn No.	6 1/2s	April 171	June 170
Yarn No.	10 1/2s.	April 208	June 207
Yarn No.	20 1/2s	April 265	June 258
Yarn No.	40	April 420	June 415

Quotation for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40 are nominal.

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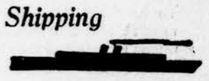

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TRADE AND MILLS BUYING IN N. Y. COTTON

May Liquidation And Hedging

ANTI-INFLATION PLANS

Bombay, April 16.

On Wednesday the New York market was steady on trade and mills buying.

During the early part of the session there was liquidation of May contracts. There was scattered hedge selling but prices recovered on Mill price fixing against Government cloth orders.

However, buyers were reluctant to press advances owing to expectations of increased hedge pressure against Commodity Credit Corporation releases. There were indications that the administration's anti-inflation plans were being rapidly formulated together with reports that 1941 loan cottons were being repossessed more freely.

At the opening July was quoted 2 points down at 19.43 and declined to 19.41 which was the lowest level for the day.

Thereafter there was increased buying and by noon fuly rise to 19.54 which was the highest level. The market finally closed at a net gain of 4 to 8 points. Spot Cotton prices advanced 2 points at 21.05c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans Cotton market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 4 to 6 points. Spot Cotton prices improved 4 points at 20.07c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co state :—Yesterday, cotton opened steady and in view of the dwindling daily turnover consequent upon the war situation, it remained flat without any material change. This was attributed to sharply reduced commitments by professionals and the public. Additionally, there is an underlying feeling that cotton and cloth prices are now not far away from investment basis and even though, there may not be any material appreciation in prices for some time, say until about June, but ultimately, that is, by Sept.-Oct. especially cotton should again see its reasonable price of Rs. 250 particularly in view of the present intensive drive to cut down this year's production to below 40 lacs in favour of food crops. This general feeling has been partly responsible for steadiness in cotton prices, apart from the gradually improving local statistical position. Absence of any fresh enemy attacks on Indian soil and the feverish Nazi activity to embroil Japan against Russia suggest a temporary pause in enemy's plans for invasion of India.

PRIVATE CABLES

N. Y. July highest (1-18 p.m.) 19.54+09
N. Y. July lowest. (10-5 a.m.) 19.41—04

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends :—

New York.—Trade and scattered buying. Small offerings. Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 15

May	19.40+04
July	19.51+06
October	19.68+08
December	19.73+06
January	19.75+06
March	19.85+08
Middling spot	21.05+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, April 15.

May	19.41+04
July	19.54+05
October	19.87+04
December	19.92+04
January	19.93+04
March	20.04+05
Middling spot	20.07+04

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 15.

Noon call.	
May	19.37
July	19.48
October	19.61

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 16.

It is understood that a requisition is being signed to be sent to the Board of the East India Cotton Association to close down trading and settle all outstanding as was done in Liverpool. Such a request is not likely to meet with favourable consideration as the Board has always maintained the necessity of a hedge market under any circumstances with a view to market the Indian cotton crop which is one of the most important agricultural produce.

It is true that business remains restricted owing to war fears but circumstances do not justify closing down of the market.

Following a rise of 6 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened at Rs. 172/8 for Broach J/A delivery and hardly business of 200 bales was done. The market was narrow with very little business.

Later on there was increased liquidation on a narrow market and Broach J/A declined to Rs. 170/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m as under :—

BROACH A/M	Rs.	148	4 0
BROACH J/A		170	4 0
OOMRA May		136	0 0
OOMRA July		147	0 0
BENGAL May		125	0 0
BENGAL July		132	8 0

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, April 15.

T.T. London on :—
London Exchange unchanged.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 16.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8/8/0 Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York Spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was again easy with increased liquidation. All speculative purchases are being liquidated on an unwilling market and prices are sagging. Quotations were as under :—

	Gold	Silver
Ready	47 10 0	80 8 0
Vaishakh	47 12 0	77 0 0
Sovereigns	36 12 0	

LONDON SILVER

London, April 15.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

GOLD.
London, April 15.

Gold bars fine per oz	£8/8/0

LONDON WHEAT.
London, April 15.

Rozario Santa Fe	£22/7 1/2
Barletta Russo	£22/7 1/2
Australian Wheat	£27/6

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Scattered Selling

Bombay, April 16.

Never in the history of the local Stock Exchange, trading remains restricted as it is to-day. There are no buyers and sellers and stray deals are reported which form the basis of quotations.

Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 1110 and declined to Rs. 1090 under scattered selling and ordinary shares opened at Rs 212 and declined to Rs. 209. There was no forward business. Century Mill shares were placed at Rs. 345 and Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 400. Swadeshi Mill shares came in business at Rs. 380 and Associated Cement shares were placed at Rs. 154/8.

Wall Street market opened heavy and feebly attempted to rally but the result was generally mixed U.S. Steel shares improved 1/4 at 47 3/8 and Anaconda coppers were unchanged at 24 5/8. General Motors closed 1/8 up at 33 1/2 dollars.

TEXTILES
Bombay, April 16.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298	12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1000	0
100	CENTURY	348	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	315	0
100	Colaba X.D.	136	4
100	Coorla	120	0
250	Dawn	430	0
250	David	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2	0 6
100	FINLAY	177	0
100	GOKAK	239	0
1000	Hindustan	2282	8
100	Indore	235	0
100	Khatau	214	6
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	410	0
250	LAXMI	655	0
100	Madhusudan	320	0
100	MORARJI	470	0
250	Model X.D	210	0
50	MYSORE	128	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240	0
100	Podar X. D	168	12
100	Phoenix	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk	81	0
1000	Sholapur	5000	0
50	SIMPLEX	148	0
100	SWADESHI	390	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1550	0
1000	Western	1550	0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda X.D.	103	0
25-50	Central India X. D.	37	0
500	Imperial	1371	4
125-500	Imp. Cont.	337	4
50-100	India X. D.	130	0
100	RESERVE BANK	92	0
5	Union X. D.	5	12
	CEMENTS		
100	ASSOCIATED X. D.	155	0
	INSURANCE		
15-75	New India	39	8
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	4
20	Mercantile	60	0
200	Oriental	3475	0
10-50	Vulcan	8	0
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	165	10
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10	Ajmer	13	1
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	170	0
10	Broach	13	6
100	Karachi	195	0
100	Poona	215	0
100	Surat	170	10
100	TATA HYDRO	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	1330	0
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij X. D.	845	0
100	C. Province	101	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	102	0
100	Mandra Bhon	100	0
100	Pachora Jamner	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95	8
500	Tapti Valley X. D.	617	8
	MININGS		
9	Burma Corporation	1	9
2sh.	Indian Copper	1	8 0
10	Indian Iron and Steel	21	0
10	SHIVRAJPUR	29	0
10	Mukund Iron	13	15
30	TATA STEEL DEFD	1255	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	226	0
10	Steel Corporation	12	12
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	ALCOCK	425	0
10	Air Services	3	0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	218	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	316	0
125	B. BURMA	200	0
50	Contributory	62	8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	2
100	IND. BLEACHING	140	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	44	8
100	Indian Radio Def	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340	0
100	Port Canning	72	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	106	0
15	Scindia	16	14
25	Tata Oil	40	0
24	Tata Chemical	13	8
100	Wimco	201	0
	PREFERENCE		
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6	p.c Bom. Steam	317	8
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	72	8
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	665	0
6 1/4	p.c. Premier Const. 1st. X.D.	112	0
6 1/4	p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	104	8
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	145	8
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power	1535	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	180	0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	107	8
7	p.c. Vishnu	715	0
	DEBENTURES		
4	p.c. Audhra Valley Deb.	100	4
4	p.c Bom. Telephone	48	0
5	p.c. Morarji	103	6
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	8
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

SHARE BAZAR SETTLEMENT

It is said that the governing body of the Bombay Stock Exchange has decided to fix quotations for the next settlement on a basis of 6 per cent interest.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 16.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 88/2
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/0
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/1
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent 1945 Bonds 101/12
3 per cent War Bonds 97/14
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/12
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 107/8
TAX FREE LOANS
6 per cent 1945/55 Loan 105/2
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N
CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4 per cent B P T 1947 98
4 per cent M Deb 1947 103/12
5 per cent M Deb 1959 106/8
5 per cent M Deb 1954 119
5 per cent K P T 1956 115
Tone :—Steady. Rates nominal.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 16.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON
Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.	Yesterday	This year	Last year.
Khandesh	77	75,948	96,276
Central India	...	29,501	131,557
Barsi and Nagar	112	50,944	102,390
Hyderabad/Gaorani	...	13,211	37,380
Berar	209	174,936	342,829
Central Provinces	156	85,410	72,983
Total Oomras	554	430,050	783,415
Dholeras	...	30,639	59,053
N.-W. Provinces	..	1,021	1,252
Rajputana		392	6,211
Sind-Punjab	1,561	392,547	458,301
Broach	2,568	301,890	133,415
Coompta and Dharwar	50	8,726	52,854
Westerns-Northers	...	8,575	51,871
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	100	10,177	1,663
Total	.....	.....	.....
Arr. by road to 5th April 42	.....	91,500	263,133

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 14.

Copper sheets lb 21 Rs. 120 28 114 36 113 42 112 49-56 41
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 103 24 98 28 90 35 88 42 87 49-56 87
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72
Country make Rs. 59 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refind Rs. 29 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Pennang Rs. 82/8 per qr.
SETTLEMENT RATES :—
Copper sheets Ashad no buyer no sellers, and therefore no fixity of any rate.
Market Tone :—Weak.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 16.

Prices continued to rule steady on the market with restricted business. Tata Deferreds stood around 1095 and Tata Ordinaries were quoted at 210. Bombay Dyeings ruled at 985, while Indian Irons were steady at 21-4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day :—

Tata Deferreds (1105), 1100, 1095.
Tata Ordinaries (211), 211, 210.

Tata Ordinary	210
Tata Deferred	1095
Indian Iron	21-4
Steel Corpn of Bengal	12-14
Bombay Dyeing	985
Central India	312-8
Century	335-10
Gokak	234-6
Kohinoor	408-2
Simplex	140
Andhra Valley	1470
Tata Hydro	147-8
Tata Power	1320
Associated Cement	154
Belapur	215
Bombay Burma (old)	185

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 16

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	41	9	0
Highest	41	10	6
Lowest	41	1	0
Closing	41	3	0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	42	0	0
Highest	42	12	0
Lowest	42	0	0
Closing	42	8	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	23	14	0
Highest	24	0	0
Lowest	23	12	0
Closing	23	14	0
Cottonseed Sept.-			
Opening	25	0	0
Highest	25	2	0
Lowest	25	0	0
Closing	25	0	0

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 16.

	Old	Ready.
Bengal Fine	117-20	129/32
Berar	130-23	140/42
C. P. 1	130-33	170/72
C. P. 2	124-28	148/50
Khandesh	92-98	123/25
Muglai	102-10	131/32
Broach	110-15	155/57
Broacr Low	96-102	...

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below N.Y. May 1.354 cent pts at 331
Broach J/A below N.Y. July 1.289 cent pts. at 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, July 15.

Broach A/M highest 153 1/4 lowest 151 3/4 closing at 4-30 p.m. 152
Broach J/A highest 173 1/4 lowest 171 3/4 closing at 4-30 p.m 172
Oomra May highest 138 1/2 lowest 137 1/2 closing at 4-30 p.m. 138 1/2
Oomra July highest 150 lowest 148 1/2 closing at 4-30 p.m. 150
Bengal May highest 128 lowest 127 closing at 4-30 p.m. 127 1/2
Bengal July highest 135 lowest 131 3/4 closing at 4-30 p.m. 134 1/2

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 16.

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 days/84 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/84 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/84 1/6 5/16 Four months
B. C Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/6 31/32 D D 1/6 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 328 1/2; D D Rs 328 1/2
MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 298 3/4
BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 53.04; D D Rs 52.04
LISBON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready, 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call 1/2 per cent
1 and 2 months 3/4 per cent
3 to 5 months 1 per cent
5 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 15

Rupee paper 3 1/2 p.c.	£64
Indian Stock 3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	£101 7/32
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 3/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	£106 11/16
War Loan 3 1/2 p.c.	£106 3/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£114 3/8
Victory Bonds 4 p.c.	£113 3/4
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	£5 9/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£49 1/2
National Bank of India	£22

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2'-6" AT TOP
8'-0"
5" WIDE-
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H AND
EARTH-HEAP
2'-6"
9'-4"
HEAP OF EARTH REMOVED WH DIGGING TRENCH
CROSS-SECTION
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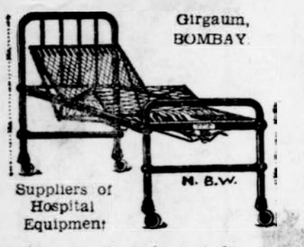

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4-Point Programme To Meet Invader

Rajen Babu Outlines Congress Way Of Self-Defence

PATNA, April 15

What Congressmen should do if the enemy landed in India was outlined in a resolution adopted by the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee at their meeting here yesterday.

The resolution exhorting the people not to submit to the invader, laid down a four-point programme of self-sufficiency and self-protection for villages.

It directed the Congress Committees to launch a "Grow More Food Campaign", to organise volunteer squads for keeping up the morale of the people, to make arrangements with merchants for the sale of grains and other necessities of life at reasonable prices and to see that every home possessed a charkha.

Explaining to the B. P. C. C. the Congress attitude to any invader the president Dr. Rajendra Prasad asserted that the invader would always be treated as the enemy of Indian independence and would be dealt with as such.

He added that there should be no conciliation with the aggressor power.

Stating that a situation might arise in the province if an enemy landing matured when it would be difficult to maintain communication, Dr. Rajendra Prasad demanded a greatest amount of courage and initiative from Congressmen who were to act as leaders among a people who might be unnerved in war-time.

Dr. Prasad asked the members to spread themselves in villages throughout the province and work there rendering yeoman service to the villagers, removing their panic, checking rumours and keeping the people in high spirits.

NEED OF ACTION

Explaining the programme of action for the Congress in view of the present menacing situation Dr. Prasad stressed that critical times were ahead and the country was threatened with foreign aggression. The time for celibration was over and the need of the hour was action. He exhorted every Congressman to go to the villages as well as towns and organise the people to face the situation.

NEW OBSTACLES TO FREEDOM

The Congress, he continued, had been struggling for the freedom of the country and had roused national consciousness. But when another Power was threatening to disturb the life of the nation, they must resist it, consistently with their accepted principles, and remove the new obstacle in the path of their independence.

They needed courage and plenty of it, for the purpose. If they had no arms, they could at least fight panic and keep up the morale of the people. They should not be unnerved by the threat of any of their cities being bombed. It might be found expedient for many people to leave threatened areas but there should never be a nervous stampede when leaving such areas.

They must dismiss from their minds added Dr. Prasad the misconception that any foreign power would be instrumental in liberating them. All of them aimed at exploiting the country and they had to fight the menace. There was no doubt that this was the duty of the state but they should also make their contributions to it.

EMULATE LONDON

Paying a tribute to the cool courage and fortitude of the people of London and how they behaved in times of extraordinary peril, Dr. Prasad asked the people to emulate their example. More so when they realized that conditions in no city in India had reached the proportions prevailing in London. He reiterated that there was no ground for becoming panicky over the prospect of bombing. It was the duty of Congressmen to remove the nervousness of the people. Even if they had to face enemy bullets they should not shirk their responsibility.

They must live up to their declaration that they were ready to face every danger for the sake of the country. FIGHTING PANIC WAS THEIR FIRST DUTY

ORGANISE VOLUNTEERS

Referring to the need for Congressmen to organise volunteer corps in every village to avert the possibility of internal disorder, Dr. Prasad said that any increase in the commission of crimes in extraordinary circumstances would be facilitated rather than checked for lack of unity among law-abiding citizens. It was for Congressmen to organise such people and depend on their own organised strength, when they found that the police were fully occupied in carrying out their duties.

After dwelling on the problem of food supply and asking Congressmen to study it and try to bring about an improvement therein if possible, Dr. Prasad pointed out how intensifying the Charkha programme would meet the shortage of cloth supply. This was the only way that they could make the country self-sufficient in the matter of clothing requirement.

Emphasising the need for forgetting past differences Dr. Rajendra Prasad declared that if they wanted to see the Congress and the country they should keep the two ideals of "self-protection and self-sufficiency" before them. They could not proceed on party lines and proceed with 'ifs' and 'buts'. Such an attitude would ruin them and the country. Bihar, continued Dr. Rajendra Prasad, occupied an important position in the history of the Congress movement. She must not lag behind now as she had never lagged before in making any sacrifices demanded of her. Her geographical position was strategical in the approaching menace to the country. Congressmen of the Province had to realise this fact, and set themselves to the task at once. Thereby they would be doing a service to the whole country. Congressmen had to get over the slackness that had of late come over the Bihar Congress. This was not the time to find faults. Everyone must be at his post and carry out the Congress programme outlined for the present. They need not wait for orders and instructions from above in doing this when the occasion demanded it.—A. P.

AMERY'S VOICE IN CRIPPS' OFFER

PATNA, April 14.

"It is entirely wrong and disingenuous on the part of Sir Stafford Cripps to proclaim to the world that he could not agree to the minorities being placed at the mercy of the majority", says Dr. Rajendra Prasad in an interview to the "Searchlight".

Dr. Rajendra Prasad adds. "This attempt at encouraging and perpetuating distrust among different groups in the country is in keeping with the traditional British policy which has been reiterated by Mr. Amery, and leads one to think that after all although the tongue was Sir Stafford's, the language spoken was still that of Mr. Amery. There is no group in India which is prepared to accept the offer of August 1940 in April 1942 although it may be dressed in a different way".

TRUE CHARACTER OF NEW FORMULA

Dr. Rajendra Prasad says: "The last British formula was short but full of meaning retaining all the important powers and functions in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief and transferring only the less important functions mentioned in a previous formula to the Defence Member. The Working Committee became naturally suspicious when it discovered from what Sir Stafford himself told the Congress President and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that although the formula or the method of expression had been changed, the meaning and method of approach remained the same. After this clarification and disillusionment, it equally naturally wanted to have a further clarification about powers and functions of the other members of the Viceroy's Council.

The draft declaration of the British Government did not say anything about what it proposed to give at present, but only said what it proposed not to give to Indian representatives, viz., Defence, and it was assumed by all naturally enough, but as has become clear now quite wrongly, that departments other than Defence would be completely transferred to them.

Sir Stafford Cripps' statement at the Press Conferences encouraged this interpretation. At one of these conferences he is reported to have said that the working of the New Council, under the proposed interim scheme, would have to be within the present constitution, but a good deal could be done by changing the conventions and adopting new ones—he particularly mentioned that the Executive Council could become a Cabinet. He said the same thing to the Congress President, as has been stated in the latter's letter to Sir Stafford Cripps.

NO CABINET POSITION

"When the details of this came to be discussed and the Congress representatives wanted to know whether the Cabinet would have joint responsibility and whether an assurance could be given that the Viceroy would act, according to the advice of this 'cabinet' it was found that Sir Stafford did not contemplate any such change, and left the whole matter to be decided by the Viceroy. This meant that so far as the present interim was concerned, the position of the members of the Council would be the same as it is at present, viz., that of heads of departments and not of Ministers or Members of a Cabinet. The stage of distribution of offices among the various groups was never reached. The negotiations broke down on the question of the power that was to be transferred from the British to Indians and no question as to the division of the gains among various groups arose.

AUGUST OFFER IN NEW FORM

"It is therefore entirely wrong and disingenuous on the part of Sir Stafford Cripps to proclaim to the world that he could not agree to the minorities being placed at the mercy of the majority. This attempt at encouraging and perpetuating distrust among different groups in the country is in keeping with the traditional British policy which has been reiterated by Mr. Amery and leads one to think that after all although the tongue was Sir Stafford's the language spoken was still that of Amery. And there is no group in India which is prepared to accept the offer of August 1940 in April 1942 although it may be dressed in a different way."—A. P.

Dr. Khan Saheb On Cripps' Failure

PESHAWAR, April 15.

"The decision taken by the Congress Working Committee at Delhi is in the best interests of the country. Every freedom loving individual or party must have appreciated our stand regarding the British proposals" said Dr Khan Sahib, member of the Congress Working Committee, in course of talks with Pressmen.

He is leaving for Allahabad soon to attend the meetings of the Working Committee and A. I. C. C.—United Press.

NEW TARZAN PICTURE AT METRO

Joan Bennett and Henry Fonda in "Wild Geese Calling" at Regal and Margaret Rutherford and Nova Pilbeam in 'Spring Meetin g' at Excelsior.

HENRY FONDA AND JOAN BENNETT TEAMED

"Wild Geese Calling" Comes To Regal

20th Century-Fox has made a superb motion picture from an outstanding novel. Stewart Edward White's great adventure story of the North West, "Wild Geese Calling."

Henry Fonda, as the two-fisted lumberjack with a love for the outdoors, gives a fine performance, Joan Bennett, as Sally, the dance-hall queen, is superb in an entirely new kind of role.

All the action, drama and romance this fine story which was awarded the gold medal of the Commonwealth Club of California as the outstanding novel written by a resident of the state in 1940, has been retained in the film. The interesting story of wandering John Murdock, played by Fonda, who meets and falls in love with Sally while looking for his friend Blackie has been faithfully followed.

Marrying Sally, John takes her to Alaska, not knowing that she and Blackie had been friends before he met her. Angry when he finds Blackie holding Sally in his arms, John assaults his friend, and leaves his wife, thus setting the stage for the unusual climax.

Excellent support has been given to the two stars by the supporting cast which includes Warren William, as Blackie, Ona Munson and Barton MacLane. The fine direction of John Brahm is responsible for the sustained drama and steady pace of the film. The interesting screen play was written by Horace McCoy. Harry Joe Brown was the producer.

For Adventure, action and romance, Stewart Edward White's "Wild Geese Calling" is fine.

"Caught In The Draft" At Capitol

There is a new hope for the army, now that, Bob has joined up. For America's new defence Army has its Hollywood counterpart in "Caught In The Draft," Paramount's up-to-the-minute comedy film. The picture burlesques the trials and tribulations of the rookie's life in the Army.

The comedy corps is headed by Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. The two gag-happy film pals are joined by Lynne Overman and Eddie Bracken, two fluke recruits who get more than they bargained for trying to keep Bob out of the guard house.

Dorothy, the colonel's daughter, wants her rookie to be a hero before she says "yes" and turns the colonel into a kernel to make her dream come true. Hope plays the part of a movie actor who's in the Army as the boomerang result of one of his own practical jokes. He's the gun-shy, goose-pimply hero who'll floor you with his brand new stock of Army gags.

Bob and his two musketeer rookie friends, Overman and Bracken, reach the climax of this all-out comedy film when they take part in some war games.

Loaded with sparkling wit, tuneful melodies and laugh-lines that explode in split-second precision, "Caught in the Draft" is prize entertainment the kind that even the Army boys at the camps will write home about.

"SPRING MEETING" AT EXCELSIOR

Take a liberal quantity of racy dialogue, three famous stars and four well-known supports; take plenty of farcical situations, romance and a full measure of Irish blarney, mix well, engage a slick cutter and you have "Spring Meeting", an entertaining comedy drama coming to Excelsior from to-morrow (Saturday).

The stars are Nova Pilbeam, Basil Sidney and Henry Edward with Sarah Churchill (daughter of the Prime Minister), and Enid Stamp-Taylor, Michael Wilding and Margaret Rutherford in the chief supporting role. The theme of this most entertaining film concerns the scheming of a pretty widow to get her penniless son married off to the daughter of an Irish baronet. The story develops with interest at its fullest. The characterisation is excellent and the dialogue very witty, and the wholesome atmosphere will appeal to everyone.

A Word Or Two On "Fantasia"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I think I am rather late in writing this letter on that wonderful Cinema Film production called "Fantasia" by Walt Disney a genius of the present age. But it is better late than never. I hope the film will run on for further weeks.

My motive in writing this letter is two fold. Firstly to attract every intelligent being to see and hear this film in the light of occultism and secondly to recommend certain books which would clearly explain and expound this wonderful film.

For the imagination of Walt Disney and for the superb faculty of Leopold Stokowski who conducts the splendid music by the Philadelphia Orchestra and for the combined efforts of all the other artists in producing this film no words of praise are sufficient.

To my mind Walt Disney must either be a clairvoyant to behold the supernatural sights of the higher planes, or he must have the intuition of a very high degree or he is guided by a spirit of the higher realm to reveal before our mundane eyes and ears the sights and scenes of the heaven world and give us an insight of the hidden meaning of the creation of this world and so on.

It is said that God has created this universe or rather manifested himself by "sound", "colour" and "form" (See The Building of the Cosmos" by Dr. Annie Besant.) This is fully depicted in this film.

It is further said that "thought", "word" or "sound" either of Music, man or anything else produce colour and form and arouse the vibrations of feelings of different kinds and degrees. This fact also is depicted in this film wonderfully well.

Those who have studied the "Building of the Cosmos" referred to above, and "The Hidden Side of Things" by C. W. Leadbeater in two volumes—especially the chapters on the nature spirits such as fairies—gnomes, etc. and many other references about music in the same book may understand this film well. Then there is "Man Visible and Invisible" by C. W. Leadbeater and also "Thought Forms" by Dr. Annie Besant both books with coloured plates and also "Chakras" full of coloured plates by C. W. Leadbeater which colours we now see in exquisite forms on the screen. And last but not least I would recommend the latest book by Dr. G. S. Arundale called "The Lotus Fire" especially its chapters on—The Colour Tone in Daily Yoga'—"A Yoga in Sound"—"A Master Channel of Music"—and "The Cosmic Drums".

Sometimes these occultists and clairvoyants are considered by lay man as visionaries but their visions of the higher planes as given out in their books are now wonderfully brought out, or rather brought down, on the physical screen by the great artist of the day Walt Disney and Leopold Stokowski the magician of music.

After studying such books as above one can understand that "Fantasia" is not a passing show but a fact in nature.

In the words of Mr. Deems Taylor who is the compere and the commentator in this Film—"It is hearing pictures and seeing sound."—Yours, etc.,

K. J. B. WADIA.

Bombay, April 8.

"TARZAN'S SECRET TREASURE" AT METRO

Very Good Fun For Children In Holidays

Johnny Weismuller and Maureen O'Sullivan have come once again as man and spouse in the newest Tarzan picture at Metro from to-day (Friday).

Their usual associate, cheeta the ape, a flock of elephants and their young screen boy are also there to provide a lot of fun. This is the fifth time that Johnny Weismuller is appearing in these Tarzan pictures and he has decided not to appear in any full dress part.

It is good fun for children, now enjoying their holidays.

"Mata Hari" At Palace

Greta Garbo and Ramon Novarro are co-starred in "Mata Hari", one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's most ambitious productions, which is at Palace this week. Miss Garbo in the title role plays the exotic Mata Hari, whose notorious career as a dancer is but a cover for her nefarious activities as a spy for the German Government (during the last World War). A young Russian flyer (Novarro) becomes infatuated with her and she trades upon his love in an effort to obtain some secret political documents from him. This time, however, Mata Hari herself falls in love with the flyer and jeopardizes her position with the espionage agents.

SUNDAY SHOW AT METRO

On Sunday, April 19th, at 10 a.m. Judy Garland in "Wizard Of Oz" a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

AT CAPITOL

On Sunday, April 19, at 10-30 a.m. Ray Milland and Ellen Drew in 'French Without Tears.'

AT REGAL

On Sunday, April 19 at 10-30 a.m., Alice Faye and Don Ameche and Ritz Brothers in "You Can't Have Everything."

"INTERNATIONAL LADY" AT NEW EMPIRE.

"International Lady" is continued at New Empire for another week.

Jawahar's Telegram To Krishna Menon

Nehru Clears Misunderstanding Created By B.B.C. And Indian Radio

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, April 16.

There is a feeling here that during the last stages of the negotiations between the Congress leaders and Sir S. Cripps much bitterness was produced. Sir S. Cripps' attitude was frankly anti-Congress. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru is said to be a little worried that a section of the foreign press has not understood the situation properly. The conclusion to which this section jumped as a result, particularly of Pt. Nehru's views expressed at the Press Conference at New Delhi after the failure of the negotiations is stated to be that Cripps mission, despite breakdown of negotiations, has strengthened the feeling of resistance in the country and the part of the Congress against aggression.

Pt. Nehru himself feels that his statements regarding war resistance are being exploited by the Indian Radio and the British Broadcasting Company after being torn from their context. He thinks it unfair. There is a likelihood of steps being taken to clear the misunderstanding caused by the foreign press. It is believed Pt. Nehru has sent a telegram to Mr. Krishna Menon, Secretary of the India League, London, explaining to him the position of the Congress in view of the importance of the forthcoming A.I.C.C. meeting.

The Congress President has appealed to members to attend session in full strength. Elaborate arrangements for visitors are being made.

INVITEES TO CONGRESS CABINET MEETING

ALLAHABAD, April 16.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, has specially invited the following to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Allahabad: Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit, Messrs. Gopinath Bardoloi, Kiran Shankar Roy, Biswanath Das, Satyamurthi and Jairam Das Daulatram.

AZAD THROWS MORE LIGHT ON CRIPPS TALKS

ALLAHABAD, April 15.

"The picture that was given to me of the British War Cabinet's proposals in my first talk with Sir Stafford Cripps on March 25, deteriorated so completely and took such a shape by April 9, that it was clear to me that the proposals were no better than a rehashed and polished version of the August 8 declaration. We could not accept them", said Maulana Azad in an interview to Pressmen here to-day.

"We went far in our desire for a settlement—perhaps too far"—but our irreducible and essential minimum was that only a Free India could defend herself and the people at large must be made to feel that they were free in their own country and had to defend their own freedom."

The Maulana said that the use of words like "National Government" and "Cabinet" by Sir Stafford Cripps in his first interview had given a certain impression and but for it, he would not have called the Working Committee. He said that the change in the attitude of Sir Stafford Cripps may have been due to an honest doubt about these terms or the influence of Whitehall.

The Maulana reiterated that when he talked of the National Government he did not for a moment speak from the point of view of party gain for the Congress or dictatorship of majority.

The Maulana, according to his present programme, will leave for Calcutta to-morrow evening and will return to Allahabad on April 26.—A. P.

SIR SHANMUKHAM'S PLANS

NEW DELHI, April 15.

With reference to the report published from Washington enquiries made in official circles in New Delhi reveal that Sir Shanmukham Chetty's return to India is in connection with the visit of the American Technical Mission and that his future plans are at present uncertain and will depend upon the course of events.—A.P.

Inspector Wade — THE COAT OF ARMS — By Edgar Wallace

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